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Minutes

OF THE

First Session

OF THE

Piney Grove

Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Piney Grove

Primitive Baptist Church

1958

STOKES COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
FRIDAY, SATURDAY and SUNDAY,
MAY 9, 10, 11,

Next session to be held at Stateline Church, to begin on Friday before the second Sunday in May, 1959.

OFFICERS

ELDER M. H. VADEN ..... Moderator
Westfield, North Carolina

S. O. SHELTON ..... Clerk
Fransisco, North Carolina

The Primitive Baptist Publishing House
Elon College, North Carolina

Proceedings

OF THE FIRST ANNUAL SESSION OF THE PINEY GROVE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

FRIDAY, May 9, 1958. 10a. m.

1. The Piney Grove Primitive Baptist Association First annual session convened with Piney Grove Church at 10 a. m., FRIDAY, May 9, 1958. 10 a. m.

2. The meeting was opened by singing. Prayer by Elder R. L. Rodgers.

3. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Eddie Martin, followed by Elder Allen Easter, and Elder M. H. Vaden.

4. Adjourned for dinner.

5. After dinner continued singing.

6. The Association was called to order by Elder M. H. Vaden Moderator, who was elected to serve this session of the Association, together with S. O. Shelton to serve as Clerk.

7. Song and prayer by Elder J. Watt Tuttle.

8. Called for letters from the churches of the Association, which were read and messengers seated, whose names will appear in the Statistical Table.

9. Called for petitionary letters: Pleasant View Church presented letter and was unanimously received into the Association.

10. Appointed to preach at the stand Friday afternoon, while the Association was transacting business: Elders Charlie Kilby, Edd Douglass, and Elder C. N. Tilson.

11. The Moderator appointed the following Committees:

Finance: Deacons S. H. Mills, W. E. Martin, Edd Smith.

Arrangements: Elder Bell Tucker, Deacons A. M. Flippin, and Russell Martin.

Preaching: Elder Layton Wingfield, Brother Branscomb Young, Elder R. L. Rodgers, Deacon Andrew Bennett, and Elder Manie Stephens.

12. Called for visitors from sister Associations. The following responded and were invited to seats with us:

Mountain: Elder C. B. Kilby, Brother J. H. Stamper and wife, Elder Edd Douglass, Brother Lon M. Reeves and wife.

St. Clair's Bottom District: Elder C. N. Tilson.

Fisher's River: Brother Lester Creed and wife, Sister Maolea Posey, Elder James Hill, Brother Reid Moorefield and wife, Elder Matt Edwards, Brother Ernest Simmons, Brother Lem Holder, Brother Jule Marion, Brother Elbert Hunter and wife, Brother Aubrey Love, Brother G. G. Hunter, Elder Preston Stone, Elder J. G. Fulk, Elder George Berrier, Elder H. B. Thomas and Elder W. C. Hawks.

Washington: Elders A. R. Singleton, and S. S. Walker.

United Primitive Baptist Association: Elder Allen Easter, Brother J. A. Banks, Brother E. C. Thompson, Brother Richard Bond.

Senter: Elders G. D. Roten and Wiley Hester.

Roaring River: Brother J. F. Coffey, Brother W. C. Hall.

Messengers' names enrolled from churches as follows: (See Statistical Table).

SATURDAY, May 10, 1958.

1. The Association was opened with song and prayer by Elder Sam Adkins.

2. Business of the day was taken up.

3. A move was made and seconded and carried that we seat the visitors from the several Associations appearing in this Minute.

4. Called names of messengers, and marked those absent.

5. Called for visitors that were not here yesterday and names added to Friday's list.

6. Finance Committee reported as follows:

Received from the churches	$175.40	
Received from friends	15.00	$190.40
Gave the Moderator	$20.00	
Gave the Clerk	20.00	
For Postage	2.00	
Gave visiting ministers	80.00	
Allowed for printing Minutes	45.00	
Balance in Treasury	23.40	$190.40

7. Report of Committee of Arrangements. We the Committee recommend that the next Association go to State Line Church, beginning at 11 a m., Friday morning. We also recommend

that Elder Joel A. Simmons write the Circular Letter. We recommend to have 1000 copies of our Minutes printed and send each church and Association that we are in correspondence with. We recommend to pay the Moderator $20.00 and the Clerk $20.00. Report received by move, second and vote, and brethren excused.

8. A move was made, seconded and carried that we print the Covenant, Articles of Faith, Rules of Decorum and Constitution as appeared in our last Minutes.

9. Appointments were made to sister Associations as follows:

Fisher's River: Elder Bell Tucker, Brother Lee Anderson, Elder M. O. Stephens.

Mountain: Elder R. L. Rodgers, Elder M. O. Stephens, Elder Joel A. Simmons.

St. Clair's Bottom: Elder M. H. Vaden, Elder M. O. Stephens.

Senter: Elders R. L. Rodgers, Joel A. Simmons, Bell Tucker.

New Liberty: Elders M. O. Stephens, and M. H. Vaden.

Indian Creek: Elder M. O. Stephens.

Roaring River: Elders Joel A. Simmons, M. H. Vaden, Grover Goins, and R. L. Rodgers.

Washington: Elders Bell Tucker, M. H. Vaden and Deacon Fred Slate.

United Primitive Baptist Association: Elders R. L. Rodgers, Joel A. Simmons, Deacon Sanders Shelton.

Mates Creek: Deacon Edd Smith, Elder Eddie Martin.

10. Appointed to preach at the stand Saturday morning, Elder James Hill, Elder George Berrier, Elder Richard Bond.

11. Returned thanks to God for His blessings and extend our appreciation to the brethren, sisters and friends of the community for their kind hospitality during the Association.

12. Minutes were read and approved by the Association. Moved and seconded to receive them.

13. After prayer by Elder J. G. Fulk, the Association adjourned to the time and place mentioned above.

ELDER M. H. VADEN, Moderator
S. O. SHELTON, Clerk

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday Morning, May 9.

Elder Eddie Martin, no special text.
Elder Allen Easter, no special text.
Elder M. H. Vaden, no special text.

Friday Afternoon:

Elder Edd Douglass, no special text.
Elder Charlie Kilby, failed to get text.
Elder C. N. Tilson, failed to get text.

Saturday Morning,May 10.

Elder George Berrier, failed to get text.
Elder James Hill, failed to get text.
Elder Richard Bond, failed to get text.

Saturday Afternoon:

Elder R. B. Thomas, text Heb. 4:9.
Elder Coy Hawks, Jer. 6:16.
Elder S. S. Walker, Ezek. 43:5.

Sunday Morning, May 11.

Elder J. G. Fulk, Acts, 2:47.
Elder G. D. Roten, Deut. 32:2.
Elder F. P. Stone, no special text.

Sunday Afternoon:

Elder George Nooncaster, Deut. 32:2.
Elder R. L. Rodgers, Jer. 31:34.
Elder M. H. Vaden, no special text.

MINISTERS

R. L. Rodgers, Mt. Airy, N. C.
Joel A. Simmons, Fransisco, N. C.
J. S. Hill, Fransisco, N. C.
Grover Goins, Martinsville, Va.
M. H. Vaden, Westfield, N. C.
Manie Stephens, Lawsonville, N. C.
Layton Wingfield, Ridgeway, Va.
G. W. Wood, Leaksville, N. C.
Eddie Martin, Mayodan, N. C.
Johnnie Duggins, Mayodan, N. C.
Velt Pyrtle, Mayodan, N. C.
Nelson Stewart, Oak Ridge, N. C.
Bell Tucker, Gibsonville, N. C.
Edd Priddy, Danbury, N. C.

COVENANT

We do now in the presence of Almighty God, and in the faith of the gospel, and by the help of divine grace, unreservedly and unitedly give up ourselves to God the Father and His Son Jesus Christ, and to the Holy Ghost, to be for Him and no other; freely submitting ourselves to Him, to be at His disposal for His glory taking Him as our true guide and only portion, promising by the help of divine grace to watch against sin, temptation, and corruption; and to hold a continual warfare with the same, looking to Christ who is the Author and Finisher of our faith, and the only hope and surety of His people.

Under His covenant of grace, we do now freely and joyfully give ourselves to one another by the will of God, freely covenanting and engaging to and with each other, to bear one another's burdens in the gospel and so fulfill the law of Christ unto obedience, promising to watch over one another in love and to hold communion together in the ordinances of the gospel, submitting ourselves in this, which we trust a part of His mystical body, according as we shall be directed by His Spirit in His word; and by the help of divine grace to still pray for more light from the Lord believing that He will further and more gloriously open to us His word and the mysteries of His kingdom, and to our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Savior, to whom be glory forever and forever. Amen.

RULES OF CONSTITUTION

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our district duly sent in their associated capacity whom they judge best qualified; and by producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointments shall be entitled to seats. In letters from the different churches shall be expressed their number in fellowship, those received by experience and by letters and restored; those dismissed by letters, excluded and dead since the last report.

2. The number thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage.

3. The Association when convened shall be governed by a proper and regular Decorum.

4. The Association shall have a moderator and clerk, who shall be chosen at each session of the Association by the suffrages of the members present.

5. New churches may be admitted into the union upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly by the moderator, giving the members the right hand of fellowship.

6. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association not exceeding three.

7. Queries presented by a church or the committee of arrangements or any individual member may be disposed of as the Association may think proper.

8. That the Association have a fund for defraying the expenses thereof and that the churches shall send by their messengers such sums of money as they may think proper for this purpose, which when received shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer chosen for that purpose, who shall keep an accurate account of all sums received and paid out under the direction of the Association.

9. The minutes shall be read and corrected if necessary and approved by the Association and signed by the moderator and clerk before dismission and recorded by the clerk in a suitable book for that purpose.

10. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

11. The Association have have power:

1. To provide for the general union of the churches.

2. To preserve inviolate a chain of communion among the churches.

3. To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty.

4. To inquire the cause why such churches as fail to represent themselves in the Association.

5. To appoint any member or members by his or their consent to transact any business which may be assigned them.

6. To withdraw from any church violating the rules of the Association or from the orthodox principles of religion.

7. To admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry to seats if they think proper.

8. To appoint the time and place for the next Association, and adjourn.

9. There shall be a committee on arrangements consisting of the moderator and clerk and three other members chosen as the Association may deem best.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

The following Articles of Faith were read and adopted without a dissenting voice:

1. Of God and the Holy Family . . . We believe in one only true and living God, who rules all things after the counsel of His own will; and that he who created all things is infinite in power, wisdom, knowledge, and goodness; eternal, immortal, invisible and unchangeable; and this God has revealed Himself in His word, under the character of Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and that these three are one; and there are three that bear witness in earth; The water, the spirit and the blood, and that these agree in one.

2. Of the Holy Scriptures . . . We believe that the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the written word of God. And are a sufficient rule of faith and practice; that they are given by inspiration of God, and are profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, and for instruction in righteousness; and they contain all things necessary to be known for the salvation of men.

3. Of the Atonement . . . We believe that Christ died and made a complete atonement for all who ever did, does now or ever will believe on His name; and that all who are finally saved were given to Christ in Covenant of the Father before the world was, that they should show forth his praise.

4. Of Foreknowledge, Election and Predestination. We believe that (all) whom God did foreknow He did also predestinate to be conformed to the image of His son, that God elected, according to His foreknowledge through sanctification of the spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for all saints, and that none came to Christ, only those whom He loved with an everlasting love, and in due time calls to everlasting glory.

5. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

6. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by his own free will and ability.

7. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

8. We believe that God's elect will be called, converted, regenerated, and sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

9. We believe the saints shall be preserved in grace and never finally fall away.

10. We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only proper subjects of these ordinances, and that baptism is by immersion.

11. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment.

12. We believe that punishment of the wicked will be eternal, and the joys of the righteous everlasting.

13. We believe that no Minister has the right to administer the ordinances only to such as are regularly called and have come under the imposition of the hands of the presbytery.

14. We believe in Predestination, as taught in the scriptures and preached by the Apostle Paul and condemn the doctrine of the absolute predestination of all things.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Sun. of Meeting	Total Membership	Contribution
State Line	Eld. R. L. Rodgers, Bro. Geo. Flippin, Deacon A. M. Flippin	3	143	$20.00
Piney Grove	Eld. M. O. Stephens, Bro. W. M. Nelson, Bro. Earlie Fagg	1	137	35.00
Cedar Grove	Eld. Eddie Martin, Deacon Edd Smith, Sister Rilla Smith	3	78	15.00
Pleasant View	Bro. Guy Priddy, Bro. C. M. Dillon, Bro. N. A. Alley	2	35	25.00
Pleasant Ridge	Deacons Sam Mills, Fred Slate, Bro. Drewie Mabe	4	13	14.25
Buffalo	Eld. Layton Wingfield, Deacons Willie Shelton, R. E. Joyce	1	34	18.00
Fairview	Deacon A. J. Bennett, Bro. Sam Holt, Sister Murphy Rierson	3	11	11.00
Shiloh	Eld. Bell Tucker, Deacons Vestal Purdy, L. E. Shelton	4	43	17.15
Red Bank	Deacons W. G. Anderson, Russell Martin, Bro. Lee Anderson	4	55	20.00

Minutes

OF THE

Second
Annual Session

OF THE

Piney Grove
Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Stateline Church

FRANCISCO, Stokes County, NORTH CAROLINA

MAY 8, 9, and 10,

1959

Next session convenes with Pleasant View Church, located near Danbury, Stokes County, N. C., Friday before the second Sunday in May, 1960.

OFFICERS

ELDER M. H. VADEN - Moderator, Westfield, N. C.

S. O. SHELTON - Clerk, Francisco, North Carolina

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Proceedings

OF THE SECOND ANNUAL SESSION OF THE PINEY GROVE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION HELD WITH STATELINE CHURCH STOKES COUNTY, N. C. MAY 8, 9, 10, 1959

FRIDAY MORNING, May 8, 1959.

The Association met according to last year's appointment, and opened with song from Goble's Book 103, and prayer by Elder Walter Evans from the Mountain Association.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Edd Douglass from the Mountain Association, text Romans 8:28: "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, who are the called according to His purpose."

After intermission of one hour the messengers assembled in the church house and were called to order for business by song 189 and prayer by Elder Coy Sykes from the Fisher's River Association.

The letters from the different churches were called for, received, and read and their messengers seated. Petitionary letters were called for and Locust Grove Church presented letter and was unanimously received into the Association.

Elder M. H. Vaden was elected Moderator, and S. O. Shelton was elected Clerk. Appointed to preach at the stand Friday afternoon while the Association was transacting business, Elder V. E. Ogles from the United Primitive Baptist Association, failed to get text. Elder Coy Sykes from the Fishers River Association, text John 5:25, Brother Frank Stone from the Fishers River Association, text John 3:15.

Called for correspondents from sister Associations, and they came forward as follows:

Mountain: Elder Walter Evans, Elder Edd Douglass.

Fisher's River: Brothers Ernest Simmons, W. A. Joyce.

St. Clair's Bottom: Elder F. O. Sanders, Bro. Q. P. Dancey.

United Primitive Baptist: Elders V. E. Ogles, F. W. Stocton.

Senter: Elder G. D. Roten, Elder Wiley Hester.

Roaring River: Bros. W.C. Hall, Carl Francis, J. F.Coffey.

Called for visitors:

Mountain: Brother Lon M. Reeves and wife, Sister Carrie Edwards.

Fisher's River: Elder Matt Edwards, Elder Coy Sykes, Brother H. J. Hill, Brother Ramond Coins, Brother J. H. Keaton, Brother Frank Stone, Brother Elbert Hunter, Brother Owen Felts, Sister Ruby Coins, Brother Moir Pruitt, Elder J. G. Fulk and wife, Elder Coy Hawks, Brother Glenn Hunter, Bro. Lepsy Nelson and wife, Elder James F. Hill, Elder Jay Crouse.

United Primitive Baptist: Elder S. S. Walker, Brother J. T. Jackson, Elder Richard Bond, Brother E. C. Thompson, Brother J. A. Banks and wife, Brother Henry Ball, Brother Homer Sutphin and wife, Sisters Treva Marshall, Mary Branscomb.

Visitors were welcomed and seated.

Messengers' names were enrolled from churches (see Statistical Table).

On motion the Minute was read and adjourned until 9:30 a. m., Saturday morning. Dismissed by Elder J. Watt Tuttle.

ELDER M. H. VADEN, Moderator
S. O. SHELTON, Clerk

SATURDAY MORNING, May 9, 1959.

Called names of messengers and marked those absent.

The Association was opened with song and prayer by Elder J. G. Fulk from Fisher's River Association.

The business of the day was taken up.

A move was made and carried that we seat the corresponding and visiting brethren from the several Associations appearing in this Minute, and welcome them.

Called for visitors that were not here yesterday and names added to Friday's list.

By move, second and vote our Moderator make all temporary Committee appointments, and they were appointed as follows:

Committee on Finance: Brother Branscomb Young, Brother Otis Morton, and Brother Drewery Mabe.

Committee on Arrangements: Brother A. A. Jefferson, Brother E. P. Fowler, Brother Clyde Priddy, with Moderator and Clerk.

Preaching Committee: Brother Sam Mills, Brother Roy

Stephens, Brother Fred Slate and Brother G. C. Flippin.

Report of the Committee on Arrangements: We the Committee recommend that the next Association go to Pleasant View Church, near Danbury, Stokes County, N. C., beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in May, 1960 at 11 a. m. We recommend to have 1,000 copies of our Minutes printed and sent to each Association that we are in correspondence with, and to each of our churches. We recommend to pay our Moderator $20.00 and Clerk $20.00. We recommend to print the Covenant, Articles of Faith, Rules of Decorum, and Constitution in our Minute. We also recommend to print the Circular Letter written by Elder Joel A. Simmons. Report received, and brethren excused.

Report of Finance Committee:

Received from churches	$182.00	
Received from friends	40.00	
Balance in Clerk's hand from last year	23.40	$245.40
Gave the Moderator	$20.00	
Gave the Clerk	20.00	
Gave visiting ministers	105.00	
Allowed for minutes and postage	48.00	
Balance in treasury	52.40	$245.40

Report received and brethren excused.

Called for reports from the correspondents to sister Associations. Reports were received by move, second, and vote, and excused the brethren who did not attend.

Appointments were made to sistter Associations as follows:

Mountain: Elder R. L. Rogers, S. O. Shelton, Elder Edd Priddy, Elder Joel A. Simmons.

Fisher's River: Elder Bell Tucker, Elder R. L. Rogers, Elder Edd Priddy, Deacons Roy Hall, S. O. Shelton, Elder Joel Simmons.

St. Clair's Bottom: Elder Bell Tucker, Brother Rob Joyce, Elder Manie Stevens, Elder Joel Simmons.

Senter: Elder R. L. Rogers, Elder M. H. Vaden, Sanders Shelton, Elder Manie Stevens, Elder Joel A. Simmons.

Roaring River: Elder M. H. Vaden, Elder Manie Stevens.

Washington: Elder R. L. Rogers.

United Primitive Baptist: Elder Harry Bowman, Brother

Fred Slate, and S. O. Shelton, Elder Joel Simmons.

Indian Creek: Elder Joel Simmons, Elder Bell Tucker, Elder Manie Stevens.

New Liberty: Elder Manie Stevens.

Returned thanks to God for His blessings and extend our appreciation to the brethren, sisters and friends of the community for kind hospitality during the Association.

Minutes were read and approved by the Association. Moved and seconded to receive them.

After prayer by Elder James F. Hill, from Fisher's River Association, the Association adjourned to the time and place mentioned above.

ELDER M. H. VADEN, Moderator
S.O. SHELTON, Clerk

PREACHING SERVICE

Friday:

1—Elder Walter Evans, Introduced the service.
2—Elder Edd Douglass, Romans 8:28
3—Elder V. E. Ogle, Failed to get text.
4—Elder Coy Sykes, John 5:25
5—Elder J. Watt Tuttle, Dismissed service.

Saturday:

1—Elder J. G. Fulk, Introduced service
2—Brother Elbert Hunter, Deut. 32:1
3—Elder Matt Edwards, No special text
4—Elder S. S. Walker, Isa. 32:1-3
5—Elder Coy Hawks, St. John 21:15
6—Elder W.E. Hester, no special text
7—Elder F. W. Stocton, Aev. 1:8
8—Elder Walter Evans, Heb. 3:13

Sunday:

Brother Richard Bond introduced service.
1—Elder G. D. Roten, Eccl. 3:14
2—Elder J. G. Fulk, no special text
3—Elder Charlie Kilby, no special text
4—Elder H. B. Thomas, no special text
5—Elder M. H. Vaden, no special text
6—Elder F. O. Sanders, no special text
7—Elder James F. Hill, Closed the Association with song and prayer.

NAMES OF MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES

Elder R. L. Rogers, Mt. Airy, N. C.
Elder Joel A. Simmons, Francisco, N. C.
Elder Grover Goins, Martinsville, Va.
Elder M. H. Vaden, Westfield, N. C.
Elder Manie Stephens, Lawsonville, N. C.
Elder G. W. Wood, Leaksville, N. C.
Elder Eddie Martin, Mayodan, N. C.

Elder Johnnie Duggins, Mayodan, N. C.
Elder Velt Pyrtle, Mayodan, N. C.
Elder Nelson Stewart, Lexington, N. C.
Elder Bell Tucker, Gibsonville, N. C.
Elder Edd Priddy, Danbury, N. C.
Elder Sam Adkins, Madison, N. C.
Elder Harry Bowman, Claudville, Va.

ASSOCIATION MAILING LIST

Mountain—Elder C. B. Kilby, Sparta, N. C.
Mates Creek—Stearl Hatfield, McCarr, Ky.
Roaring River: Elder A. T. Whittington, N. Wilksboro, N. C.
St. Clair's Bottom: Elder C. N. Tillson, Chilhowie, Va.
Senter: G. E. Kilby, West Jefferson, N. C.
Washington: Elder L. S. Street, Grundy, Va.
United Primitive Baptist Asso.: Elder E. S. Salmons, Floyd, Va.
Indian Creek: J. R. Lilly, Box 136, Hinton, W. Va.
Fishers River: G. Curtis Harbor, Rt. 2, Dobson, N. C.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Brethren and Sisters of the Piney Grove Primitive Baptist Association,—Being appointed by the Association to write the Circular Letter, I am making the attempt with fear and much trembling, trusting the Lord will take the lead of my mind and guide my pen.

I have given much thought to this and my mind seems to dwell on the chosen elect of God. Now my mind goes back to God's choice from the foundation of the world. God the Father chose out of Adam's posterity a bride for his Son, as they were yet none of them, and gave to Him a bride, their names were written in the Book of Life. This Book being Jesus. This is the stone the builders rejected that became the chief corner stone.

As the wheel of time rolled on God the Father sent His only Begotten Son down in this world to redeem His bride from under the law of sin and death. Jesus loved His bride with an everlasting love, and was willing to suffer and die in our room and stead, and pay the price we could not pay.

When Jesus was about thirty years of age He came to John the Baptist and demanded Baptism at John's hands, to map out the way for His little children to follow. After Jesus was baptized He chose twelve disciples and instructed them concerning the Church. The twelve represented the twelve tribes of Isral that must be saved. Also it represents the militant or visible Church.

Israel, though she be as the sand of the sea innumerable, this is the church triumphant, and made not to grow, but out of these God chose a witness. In my mind this is the visible church here in the world.

Now many are called and few are chosen. I feel that all of God's children are called with a holy calling not according to their works but according to His purpose in grace given us in Christ Jesus our Lord. Jesus said, they all shall know me from the least to the greatest and to know Him is eternal life. I feel that He chose a witness out of that calling when He said, I will never leave myself without a witness.

I hope I was added to the grand old church in 1948 the third Sunday in June, was baptized the third Sunday in July. The Church has been

a resting place for me ever since. If not deceived I was chosen out of the calling a prophet unto the nations. I have tried to fulfill my obligations to the church the best I know how. Though I have had many burdens and heartaches, but the joy has more than paid the price. If not deceived God called me my name and told me to go and tell His people that they were living in the last days, and tell Israel that her warfare was accomplished and that her iniquities were pardoned, that she hath received double at the Lord's hand for all her sins. John 16:16, Jesus said you have not chosen me but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that your fruit should remain, that whatsoever you ask of the Father in my name He may give it you. These things I command you that you love one another.

In 1st Peter 2:9: But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people, that ye should show forth the praise of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. I feel to be the most peculiar person in the world, surely I am a wayfaring stranger in a strange land. In Rev. 17:14: He is Lord of Lords and Kings of Kings, and they that are with Him are called and chosen and faithful.

In my mind they are the ones that rose after he rose and became the first fruits of them that slept. Then the graves of many of the saints opened up and gave up their dead and went in to the holy city. "And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth. These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb withersoever He goeth. These were redeemed from among man, being the first fruits unto God and to the Lamb."

Your Brother in Hope,

JOEL A. SIMMONS

COVENANT

We do now in the presence of Almighty God, and in the faith of the gospel, and by the help of divine grace, unreservedly and unitedly give up ourselves to God the Father and His Son Jesus Christ, and to the Holy Ghost, to be for Him and no other; freely submitting ourselves to Him, to be at His disposal for His glory taking Him as our true guide and only portion, promising by the help of divine grace to watch against sin, temptation, and corruption; and to hold a continual warfare with the same, looking to Christ who is the Author and Finisher of our faith, and the only hope and surety of His people.

Under His covenant of grace, we do now freely and joyfully give ourselves to one another by the will of God, freely covenanting and engaging to and with each other, to bear one another's burdens in the gospel and so fulfill the law of Christ unto obedience, promising to watch over one another in love and to hold communion together in the ordinances of the gospel, submitting ourselves in this, which we trust a part of His mystical body, according as we shall be directed by His Spirit in His word; and by the help of divine grace to still pray for more light from the Lord believing that He will further and more gloriously open to us His word and the mysteries of His kingdom, and to our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Savior, to whom be glory forever and forever. Amen.

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Shiloh	Bro. Earnest Fowler, Dea. Vestal Purdy, Hester Brimm	May	4	2	..	..	..		..	1	..	2	40	20.00
Pleasant View	Bro. J. B. Young, Bro. Clyde Priddy, Bro. Otis Morton	Aug.	2	1		3	4	..	6		..	1	48	30.00
Buffalo	Bro. Joe A. Joyce, Bro. Roy Stephens, Dea. Willis Shelton	May	1				..	..	1	..	1	1	32	20.00
Piney Grove	Dea. Roy Hall, Bro. Odell Simmons, Bro. Sid Flinchum	July	1	1	..		..	..	1	..	..	3	130	20.00
Locust Grove	Dea. Jim Pack, Dea. Walter Hodge, Bro. W. L. Nunn	Aug.	2	1	..					..	..		24	12.00
Cedar Grove	Eld. Sam Adkins, Dea. Edd Smith, Bro. James Dunlapp	May	3	4		3	..		..	..	3	..	69	15.00
Red Bank	Dea. W. G. Anderson, Dea. Russell Martin, Thacker Gammons	Aug.	4				..	..	1	1	..	..	52	22.00
Pleasant Ridge	Dea. Fred Slate, Dea. Sam Mills, Bro. Drewy Mabe	Sept.	4		..	..	..	..	2		..		13	12.00

Absentees marke thus:*

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Minutes

OF THE

Third

Annual Session

OF THE

Piney Grove

Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

PLEASANT VIEW CHURCH

STOKES COUNTY, DANBURY, N. C.
MAY 6, 7, 8,

1960

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— OFFICERS —

ELDER M. H. VADEN - Moderator, Rt. 1, Westfield, N. C.
S. O. SHELTON - Clerk ..... Rt. 2, Westfield, N. C.

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OF THE THIRD ANNUAL SESSION OF THE PINEY GROVE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, HELD WITH PLEASANT VIEW CHURCH, STOKES COUNTY, N. C., MAY 6, 7, 8, 1960

FRIDAY MORNING, May 6, 1960

The Association met according to last year's appointment, and opened with song, Lloyd's Book, 356 and prayer by Elder C. C. Sawyer from the Mountain Association.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder G. D. Roten from the Senter Association, text, Eph. 1:7; followed by Elder Ray Rotenizer, Moderator of the United Primitive Baptist Association.

After intermission of about one hour the messengers assembled in the house and were called to order for business by song, Gobles, 282, and prayer by Elder Allen Easter from United Primitive Baptist Association.

The letters from the different churches were called for, received, and read and their messengers seated.

Petitionary letters were called for.

Elder M. H. Vaden was elected Moderator and S. O. Shelton was elected Clerk.

Called for correspondence from sister associations and they came forward as follows:

Mountain: Elder C. C. Sawyer and Brother Lon M. Reeves.

Fishers River: Elder Coy Hawks and Deacon Brady Pilson.

St. Clairs Bottom: Elder F. O. Sanders, Brother Bernie Heath and Brother G. P. Dancey.

United Primitive Baptist: Elder Allen Easter, Elder F. W. Stocton.

Senter: Elder G. D. Roten, and Brother Millard Davis.

Roaring River: Elder C. D. Hall, Brethren W. C. Hall and Carl Frances.

Indian Creek: Elder H. W. Morgan.

Mates Creek: None.

New Liberty: Elder C. M. Pendleton, Elder Allen C. Smith.

Washington: None.

Called for visitors.

Mountain: Sister Lon M. Reeves, Brother John Watson and wife.

Fishers River: Elder Matt Edwards and wife, Elder James Hill. Brethren E. H. Taylor and wife, Earnest Simmons, Carl Fulk, Reid Moorefields, Raymond Smith, Willie Branch, Sister Brady Pilson, Sister Etta Damner, Sister Bremer, Sister Medic Adkins, Brother M. W. Pruitt, Brother Howard Hill, Brother Coy Flippin, Brother Elbert Hunter.

United Primitive Baptist: Brother E. C. Thomspon, Brother J. A. Banks, Elder Ray Rotenizer, Brother and Sister Homer Sulphin.

Senter: Elder Wiley Hester.

New Liberty: Elder J. M. Whaling and wife.

Indian Creek: Brother and Sister H. J. Lilly, Brother and Sister Jack Meadows, Brother and Sister Harry Sturgel.

Correspondence and visiting brethren and sisters were welcomed and seated.

Messengers' names were enrolled from the churches (See Page 5).

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator.

Committee on Finance: Elder M. O. Stephens, Brother Sam Mills and Brother Moir Flippin.

Preaching Committee: Elder Harry Bowman, Brother Edd Smith, Brother Nolaska Alley, Brother Russell Martin.

Committee on Arrangement: Brother George Mills, Brother Willie Shelton, Elder Bell Tucker.

After preaching by Elder C. M. Pendleton from New Liberty Association, adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning. Dismissed by Elder Coy Sykes.

ELDER M. H. VADEN, Moderator
S. O. SHELTON, Clerk

SATURDAY MORNING, May 7, 1960

Called names of messengers and marked those absent.

The Association was opened with song and prayer by Elder Coy Hawks from Fishers River Association. The business of the day was taken up. Called for visitors that were not here yesterday and their names were added to Friday's list.

Called for correspondents to sister associations. Reports were received by motion, second, and vote and excused the brethren who did not attend. Appointments were made to sister associations as follows.

Mountain: Elder Harry Bowman, Elder M. O. Stephens, Brother Guy Priddy, S. O. Shelton, Elder Joel Simmons.

Fishers River: Elder Edd Priddy, Elder M. H. Vaden, Elder Harry Bowman, Brother Moir Flippin.

St. Clairs Bottom: Elder M. O. Stephens, Brother Guy Priddy, Elder M. H. Vaden, Brother Roy Hall, Elder Joel A. Simmons.

Senter: Elder Edd Priddy, Elder Mamie Stephens.

Brother S. O. Shelton, Brother Roy Hall, Elder Joel Simmons.

Roaring River: Elder Bell Tucker, Elder M. H. Vaden, Elder Sam Adkins, Brother Guy Priddy, Brother Nolaska Alley.

Washington: Brother Edd Smith, Elder Sam Adkins.

United Primitive Baptists: Brother S. O. Shelton. Elder Harry Bowman, Elder Joel Simmons.

Indian Creek: Elder Bell Tucker, Elder Edd Priddy, Elder M. O. Stephens, Elder Joel Simmons.

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Returned thanks to God for His blessings and extend our appreciation to the brethren, sisters and friends of the community for the kind hospitality during the association. Minutes were read and approved by the association. Moved and seconded to receive them. After prayer by Elder J. G. Fulk from Fishers River Association, the association adjourned to the time and place mentioned above.

(The Association agreed to have the obituary and picture of Elder Eddie Martin put in our minute.

ELDER M. H. VADEN, Moderator
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PREACHING SERVICE

Friday:

Elder C. C. Sawyer introduced the service.
Elder G. D. Roten, Eph. 1:7.
Elder Allen Easter introduced association service.
Elder C. M. Pendleton, no special text.

Saturday:

Elder Coy Hawks introduced Saturday morning.
Elder Allen C. Smith, Rom. 4:16.
Elder James Hill, no special text.
Elder Wiley Hester, no special text.
Elder C. D. Hall, no special text.
Elder V. E. Ogles, St. John 4.
Elder J. M. Whaling, no special text.
Elder Coy Sykes, dismissed service Saturday.
Elder J. M. Whaling, Saturday night, Pleasant View.
Elder F. W. Stocton, Saturday night, Pleasant View.
Elder H. W. Morgan, Saurday night, Locust Grove.
Elder Coy Sykes, Sat. night, Locust Grove.
Elder Elbert Hunter, Saturday night, Locust Grove.
Elder Coy Hawks, Sat. night, Locust Grove Church.
Elder J. G. Fulk dismissed association service.

Sunday:

Elder Richard Bond, introduced service.
Elder F. W. Stockton, Luke 24:36.
Elder H. W. Morgan, James 2:18.
Elder J. G. Fulk, no special text.
Elder F. O. Sanders, Eph. 1:1.
Dismissed by Brother Elbert Hunter.

ELDER M. H. VADEN, Moderator
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Report of Committee on Arrangements: We the committee recommend that the next association go to Shilo Church, Rockingham Co., N. C., beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in May 1961 at 11:00 a.m.

We recommend to have 1000 copies of our minutes printed and mail to each association we are in correspondence with and to each of our churches. We recommend to pay our Moderator $20.00 and Clerk $20.00.

We recommend to print the Covenant, Articles of Faith, Rules of Decorum and Constitution in our minutes.

We recommend that S. O. Shelton write a Circular letter for our next association. Report received and brethren excused.

Report of Finance Committee:

Received from churches ----------	$174.60	
Received from friends ----------	18.00	
Balance in Clerk's hands from last year ----	52.40	$245.00

Gave to visiting ministers	$115.00	
Moderator	20.00	
Clerk	20.00	
Minutes and Postage	50.00	
Balance	40.00	$245.00

Reports received and brethren excused.

NAMES OF MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES

Elder R. L. Rogers, Mt. Airy, N. C.
Elder Joel A. Simmons, Francisco, N. C.
Elder Grover Goins, Martinsville, Va.
Elder M. H. Vaden, Westfield, N. C.
Elder Manie Stephens, Lawsonville, N. C.
Elder G. W. Wood, Leaksville, N. C.
Elder Johnnie Duggins, Mayodan, N. C.
Elder Velt Pyrtle, Mayodan, N. C.
Elder Nelson Stewart, Lexington, N. C.
Elder Bell Tucker, Gibsonville, N. C.
Elder Edd Priddy, Danbury, N. C.
Elder Sam Adkins, Madison, N. C.
Elder Harry Bowman, Claudville, Va.

ASSOCIATION MAILING LIST

Mountain—Elder C. B. Kilby, Sparta, N. C.
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Washington: Elder L. S. Street, Grundy, Va. (
United Primitive Baptist Asso.: Elder E. S. Salmons, Floyd, Va.
Indian Creek: J. R. Lilly, Box 136, Hinton, W. Va.
Fishers River: G. Curtis Harbor, Rt. 2, Dobson, N. C.

MESSENGERS

Stateline—Brothers Moir Flippin, George Flippin, George Mills, R. L. Rogers, alternate.

Fairview—Sister Laura Holt, Murphy Rierson, Brother Sam Holt, Robert Stafford, alternate.

Shilo—Deacons Vestal Purdy, L. E. Shelton, Eld. Bell Tucker, Brother Knight, alternate.

Pleasant View—Deacon Guy Priddy, N. A. Alley, Eld. Edd Priddy, Brother C. M. Dillon, alternate.

Buffalo—Brother Bernice Joyce, Deacon Willie Shelton, Bro. Roy Stephens, Joe A. Joyce, alternate.

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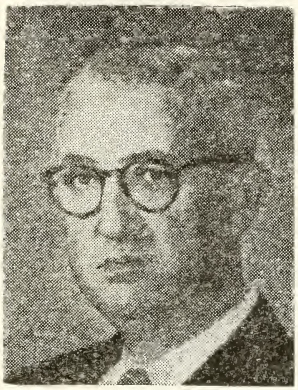
OBITUARY



In the year of our Lord October 22, 1903 Elder Samuel Eddie Martin was born the son of the late Elder L. J. and Lula Graham Martin at Patrick County, Va. On October 4, 1942 he professed a hope and united with the Cedar Grove Church at Mayodan, N. C. At their conference meeting on May 13, 1944 he was ordained an Elder in his church, and filled his office with efficiency till death called him away. Brother Martin's home was a home to his brethren and his friends, and many times we have enjoyed this hospitality on this good place.

The community has lost a fine citizen, his wife and children a good husband and father, the church a counselor, and excellent pastor. He was an afflicted man for a number of years. He spent his last days in the Baptist Hospital at Winston Salem. His suffering being severe, yet his faith was strong and he told the doctors that he belonged to the Old Baptist Church, the one that Christ set up while here on earth. His last days were spent in praising God and contending for the faith once delivered to the saints. For some time before July 17, at which time he died, he talked about the goodness and mercy of a gracious and loving God and the beauties of that celestial city which hath foundations whose builder and maker is God. So we say to Sister Martin and the children, to follow him in his precepts and examples for we feel that our loss is his eternal gain.

Written by the request of the church by Elder Johnnie L. Duggins.

Clerk, Rilla E. Smith

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COVENANT

We do now in the presence of Almighty God, and in the faith of the gospel, and by the help of divine grace, unreservedly and unitedly give up ourselves to God the Father and His Son Jesus Christ, and to the Holy Ghost, to be for Him and no other; freely submitting ourselves to Him, to be at His disposal for His glory taking Him as our true guide and only portion, promising by the help of divine grace to watch against sin, temptation, and corruption; and to hold a continual warfare with the same, looking to Christ who is the Author and Finisher of our faith, and the only hope and surety of His people.

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ELDER JOEL SIMMONS ..... Moderator
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May 12, 13, 14, 1961.

FRIDAY MORNING, May 12, 1961.

The Association met according to last year's appointment, and opened with song Gobles No. 20, "Prepare me gracious God," and prayer by Elder George Nooncaster from Fisher's River Association.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder R. L. Rogers, text 1 Cor. 2:2: "For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ and Him crucified."

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St. Clair's Bottom: None.

United Primitive Baptist: Brother E. C. Thompson.

Senter: Elder G. D. Roten, Elder Edd Severt, Brother Wiley Hester.

Roaring River: Brother W. C. Hall.

Mt. Zion: Elder Don Lilly.

New Liberty: Allen C. Smith, Elder J. M. Whaling.

Called for visitors:

Mountain: Elder Edd Douglas, Sister Lon M. Reeves, Sister

John Watson, Brother G. R. Douglas, Brother John Watson.

Fisher's River: Deacons Clever Hawks and wife, Deacon Lester Hawks and wife, Brother Isaac Gibbons and wife, Brother C. R. Stewart, Elder Jessie Collins, Elders James Hill, J. I. Crews, Coy Hawks, Matt Edwards, George Nooncaster, Elbert Hunter, Jesse Williams, Elder Lawson, Deacons Raymons Coins and wife, Ernest Simmons, Raymond Smith and wife, O. W. Sisk, Brother Curtis Harbour and wife, Brother Jule Marion, Sister Lespy Nelson, Brother H. J. Hill, Sister Ernest Simmons, Deacon J. H. Keaton and wife, Elder Coy Sykes, Brother Carlton Fulk, Deacon Coy Flippin, Sistetr Jesse Williams and others.

United Primitive Baptist: Elder F. W. Stockton, R. L. Bonds.

Senter: Brother Norman Brown.

Mt. Zion: Elder Owen Harvey, Brother Harry Sturgill and wife, Brother E. J. Sturgill and wife.

Correspondents and visiting brethren and sisters were welcomed and seated. Messengers' names were enrolled from the churches (see page 5).

The following Committees were appointed by the Moderator: Committee on Finance: Deacon Russell Martin, Deacon A. J. Bennett, and Brother Walter Hodge.

Preaching Committee: Elder M. O. Stephens, Elder Harry Bowman, Brother Bernice Joyce, Deacon Willie Shelton.

Committee on Arrangements: Brother Benton Joyce, Deacon Nolaska Alley, Deacon Lemley Shelton.

After preaching by Elder Edd Douglass and Elder James Hill, the Association adjourned until 9:30 a. m. Saturday.

Dismissed by Elder M. H. Vaden.

ELDER JOEL SIMMONS, Moderator
S. O. SHELTON, Clerk

SATURDAY MORNING, May 13, 1961.

Called names of messengers and marked those absent.

The Association was opened with song Gobles No. 226, "I love Thy Kingdom, Lord." Prayer by Elder Owen Harvey from Mt. Zion Association.

The business of the day was taken up. Called for visitors and correspondents that were not here on Friday and names

added to Friday's list.

Called for correspondence to sister Associations. Reports were received by motion, second and vote, and excused the brethren that did not attend. Appointments were made to sister Associations as follows:

Mountain: Elder Joel Simmons, Brother Walter Hodge, Deacon S. O. Shelton.

Fisher's River: Deacon Roy Hall, Elder Bell Tucker, Elder H. M. Bowman, Elder Sam Adkins, S. O. Shelton.

St. Clair's Bottom: Elder Joel Simmons, Elder M. O. Stephens, Deacon S. O. Shelton.

Senter: Elders M. O. Stephens, H. M. Bowman, Bell Tucker, and Deacon S. O. Shelton.

Roaring River: Elders Joel Simmons, Velt Pyrtle, H. M. Bowman, and Deacon S. O. Shelton.

United Primitive Baptist: Elder Joel Simmons, Deacon S. O. Shelton, Elder Grover Goins, Elder H. M. Bowman, Deacon Robey Joyce.

Mt. Zion Elder M. O. Stephens, Elder Joel Simmons, Deacon S. O. Shelton.

Returned thanks to God for His blessings and extend our appreciation to the brethren, sisters and friends of the community for the kind hospitality during the Association. Minutes were read and approved by the Association. Moved and seconded to receive them. After prayer by Elder Elbert Hunter, from Fisher's River Association, the Association adjourned to the time and place mentioned above.

It was agreed to have obituaries put in our Minutes as our members wish.

ELDER JOEL SIMMONS, Moderator
S. O. SHELTON, Clerk

PREACHING SERVICE

Friday:

Elder George Nooncaster, introduced the service.
Elder Edd Douglass, no special text.
Elder James Hill, no special text.
Elder M. H. Vaden, dismissed the service.

Saturday:

Elder Owen Harvey, introduced the service.
Elder G. D. Roten, failed to get text.
Elder W. R. Hawks, failed to get text.
Elder Don Lilly, 2 Tim. 2:19.
Elder E. R. Severt, John 10:1.
Elder Allen C. Smith, Psa. 46:4.
Elder R. N. Joines, no special text.
Licentiate R. L. Bond, Gal. 3.
Elder J. M. Whaling, dismissed the service.
Elder Don Lilly, Pleasant View, Saturday night.

Sunday:

Elder Don Lilly, introduced the service.
Elder Coy Hawks, failed to get text.
Elder Owen Harvey, Isa. 6:1.
Brother Weldon Joyce, no special text.
Elder J. M. Whaling, no special text.
Elder Don Lilly, dismissed.
Elder Elbert Hunter, dismissed Association Saturday.
Elder J. M. Whaling, Pleasant View at night .

Report of Committee on Arrangements: We recommend that the next Association go to Cedar Grove Church, at Mayodan, N. C., beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in May, 1962 at 11 a. m.

We recommend to have 1,000 copies of our Minutes printed and mail to each Association we are in correspondence with, and to each of our churches. We recommend to pay our Moderator $20.00 and the Clerk $20.00.

We recommend to print the Covenant, Articles of Faith, Rules of Decorum, and Constitution in our Minutes, and the Circular Letter written by S. O. Shelton. We recommend that S. O. Shelton write the Circular Letter for next year.

Report of the Finance Committee:

Received from the churches	$166.00	
Balance in hands of Clerk from last year	40.00	$206.00
Gave visiting ministers	$66.00	
Gave the Moderator	20.00	
Gave the Clerk	20.00	
Minutes and Postage	60.00	
Balance in hands of Clerk	40.00	$206.00

Reports received and brethren excused.

ELDER JOEL SIMMONS, Moderator
S. O. SHELTON, Clerk

MESSENGERS

Cedar Grove—Elder Velt Pyrtle, Elder Sam Adkins, Deacon Robert Joyce, Elder Johnnie Duggins, alternate.
Red Bank—Deacons Russell Martin, W. G. Anderson, Elder Thaxter Gammons, Brother Willie Goins, alternate.
Buffalo—Deacon Willie Shelton, Brother Bernice Joyce, Brother Roy Stephens, Brother Lester Shelton, alternate.
Pleasant Ridge—Deacons Fred Slate, Sam Mills, Brother Walter Hodge, Dewery Mabe, alternate.
Locust Grove—Elder H. M. Bowman, Brother Hardin Bowman, Bro. Grover Goins, Brother Lee Nunn, alternate.
Stateline—Deacons Sanders Shelton, Moir Flippin, Brother Benton Joyce, Lewis Flippin, alternate.
Pleasant View—Deacon N. A. Alley, Guy Priddy, Brother Junior Hall, Brother C. M. Dillon, alternate.
Piney Grove—Elder M. O. Stephens, Deacon A. J. Bennett, Deacon W. E. Martin, Brother Bickett Shelton, alternate.
Shiloh—Brother Charlie Kendricks, Elder Bell Tucker, Deacon L. E. Shelton, Brother Will Tucker, alternate.
Fair View—Brother Sam Holt, Sister Murphey Rierson, Sister Minnie Holt, Sister Laura Holt, alternate.

NAMES OF MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES

Elder Thaxter Gammons, Stuart, Va.
Elder R. L. Rogers, Mt. Airy, N. C.
Elder Joel Simmons, Westfield, N. C.
Elder Grover Goins, Martinsville, Va.
Elder M. H. Vaden, Westfield, N. C.
Elder Manie Stephens, Lawsonville, N. C.
Elder G. W. Wood, Leaksville, N. C.
Elder Johnnie Duggins, Mayodan, N. C.
Elder Velt Pyrtle, Mayodan, N. C.
Elder Nelson Stewart, Lexington, N. C.
Elder Bell Tucker, Gibsonville, N. C.
Elder Edd Priddy, Danbury, N. C.
Elder Sam Adkins, Madison, N. C.
Elder Harry Bowman, Claudville, Va.
Brother Weldon Joyce Rt. 3, Stuart, Va.
Brother Walter Hodge, Martinsville, Va.
Brother Weldon Mabe, Danbury, N. C.

CHURCHES AND THEIR PASTORS

Stateline—Elder Joel A. Simmons, Elder R. L. Rogers.
Fair View—Elder M. H. Vaden
Shiloh—Elder Velt Pyrtle.
Pleasant View—Elder Sam Adkins
Buffalo—Elder Charlie Joyce, Elder Coy Sykes
Piney Grove—Elders M. H. Vaden and Manie Stevens.
Locust Grove—Elder Joel A. Simmons, Elder George Nooncaster.
Cedar Grove—Elder Sam Adkins, Velt Pyrtle
Red Bank—Elder Joel A. Simmons, Elder Harry Bowman
Pleasant Ridge—Elder Matt Edwards

CIRCULAR LETTER

Dearly beloved in the Lord:—According to last year's appointment of the Piney Grove Primitive Baptist Association, it is my humble duty to address you in the form of a Circular Letter. After seriously and prayerfully thinking over the matter, I have decided to write on the subject of salvation.

Salvation is for time and for eternity, and it is of the Lord. I realize in days past and in our time men have advocated many means and ways to get salvation. Space will not permit going into all these ways, but by the grace of God, I shall try in my weak way to write of just one way because there is just one true way, and that way is Jesus. He said I am the Way, the Truth,and the Life. No man cometh to the Father but by Me. This excludes all other ways and all that are looking for salvation in any other are looking in vain and will be sorely disappointed. We now realize that all good and perfect gifts come down from the Father and that we are kept by the power of God unto salvation ready to be revealed at the last time, and we know, said the apostle, that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose.

Now let us go on to the resurrection of the bodies of the Lord's people, the saints. For as I understand, if the dead rise not, it would prove forever that there is no salvation for poor mortal man. All our hopes would perish and we would be of all men most miserable. But thanks be to God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ in whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of Sins. Christ is Himself the resurrection and the life and if there be no resurrection and the life and if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen, and if Christ be not risen then is preaching vain and our faith is also vain, and we are all yet in our sins. I realize there has been some controversy over the resurrection in all ages and even in our time, so I will give some views for your consideration.

Let us take the subject of man that is born of a woman and show his certainty of death, shortness of life and ask the question, shall he live again? And if the same man that dies and is

buried in the grave is the same man that lives again? That seems to be the argument now of the non-resurrectionist, that this mortal man never lives again. The question is, can this mortal man born of woman, dies, and returns to dust, can this man live again? Will God revive his sleeping dust, wake him out of his sleep. The answer to this deep and searching question is that He surely will. This is answered in the scripture and is as plain as the noon day sun. For when man dies the spirit returneth to God who gave it. The body goes back to dust from whence it came, and this man shall sleep in the dust to await the moment of the resurrection when he shall awake and be raised out of his sleep. Then the identical man who dies and goes back to dust shall live again, not a mortal man in time, but an immortal man in eternity. It is not an exchange but a changed body of all the saints of God.

We will let the scripture answer (Phil. 3:20, 21): "For our conversation is in heaven: from whence also we look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ: who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body." The apostle is so plain on this point that it cannot be upset or explained away by argument to mean anything else but that it is this man that dies that is immortalized and raised in the likeness of Jesus. It is the vile body that sleeps in the dust and then and there waits until the change comes, changed from vile to pure, from mortal to immortal, from corruption to incorruption. It goes down vile and mortal, but is raised pure and immortal. We read in the light of the scripture (Matt. 27: 52, 53): "After the resurrection of Jesus and the graves were opened: and many bodies of the saints which slept arose and came out of the graves and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many." Who can deny the resurrection of the bodies of the saints? This proves that the bodies of the saints were sleeping in the graves and rose from the grave and went into the holy city to ever be with the Lord.

Our faith in His promises to give life and immortality to His people whom He chose for His inheritance is built on this doctrine of Christ's resurrection, this is the pattern of our resurrection. If there is no resurrection of the dead (1 Cor.

15:13, 18), then is Christ not risen and we are found false witnesses. But Christ is risen from the dead and become the firstfruits of them that slept. It seems clear to my mind that all the inspired writers have proved that the very man that dies is the very man that lives again. This has been my belief from childhood to the present moment of time. With all the reading I have ever done and all the sermons I have heard has not changed this belief and I feel it will never change. I have heard much to the contrary, but this has only confirmed my faith in the truth of the holy scripture and in the glorious revelations I feel I have witnessed during my life. I can say with the one of former days, great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God almighty, just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.

Job says, all the days of my appointed time will I wait till my change comes. It is certain to come as much so as dying was. One is as certain as the other. Each is the fixed puprpose of God and like Paul, was wating for the change, the redemption of his body (1 Cor. 15:51). Paul says, Behold I shew you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump, for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. The spirit is not dead: It goes to God who gave it. It is the man that dies that lives again, is raised incorruptible. Then we see that death and the grave have not won the victory over the Lord's people. For Christ is the head of the body His church and as sure as Christ the head has risen from the grave, all the members of His body shall be raised from the grave and fashioned like unto His glorious body. We do not know all things. It is best we do not know all things. But nothing shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Those who are then alive at the last day will be changed in the twinkling of an eye, their incorruptible shall put on incorruption, and their mortal shall put on immortality. Those who are in their graves shall hear the voice of the Son of man and come forth to the resurrection of life, their bodies fashioned like unto the glorious body of the Son of God. Thus changed both classes of believers shall ever be with the Lord, and I will again

state that salvation is of the Lord. No human means has ever sent or will ever send a single soul to glory.

Baptists of today believe in the sovereignty of God's grace the same as the Primitive Baptist of years ago. We believe in good works in obedience to God's commandments. They are the fruit and evidence of a true and lively faith and by them believers manifest their thankfulness and edify their brethren. But when we have done all we can, we have done but our duty, and are unprofitable servants, and because as their works are good they proceed from the Spirit.

As to time salvation, I will say just a word as this is getting lengthy. There is a saving in the gospel of peace here in time, such as saving us from false doctrines and un-Christian activities which lead to destruction. The gods of this world cause much woe and many heartaches. Take heed to love the Lord your God which is the first and great commandment, and the second commandment is to love one another; on these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets (Matt. 22:37-39)

Dear brethren, I believe this is the doctrine of God our Savior and the faith once delivered to the saints.

The personal arrival of the bridegroom is still in the unknown future, but it is as certain as the first coming. The hope of the church will not be disappointed, for it it rests on the promise of Him whom God raised from the dead. Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved.

Much of the above material has been taken from Hassell's Church History, from very old Circular Letters and the scriptures, including views of my own of which I hope the Spirit has directed. We believe in the doctrine of salvation by grace, there stand and earnestly contend for the faith once delivered to the saints.

Submitted in humility,

Your Clerk, Sanders O. Shelton.

OBI TUARY

Deacon Edd Smith was born in Stokes County, N. C., December 11, 1894, and died August 28, 1960. He was married to Rilla Smith April 1, 1917, and to this unuion were born 10 children, six boys and four girls. Three preceded him in death. Brother Smith joined the Primitive Baptist Church at Mayodan and was baptized May 20, 1945 as a member of Cedar Grove Church. He was ordained to the office of deacon on April 17, 1948, a job he filled faithfully and acceptably until death claimed him. Brother Smith was a good citizen. While Brother Smith is much missed by the church and Sister Smith, and the children, we hope to meet him where no farewell tears are shed.

By order of the church at Cedar Grove.

—Elder Johnnie Duggins

COVENANT

We do now in the presence of Almighty God, and in the faith of the gospel, and by the help of divine grace, unreservedly and unitedly give up ourselves to God the Father and His Son Jesus Christ, and to the Holy Ghost, to be for Him and no other; freely submitting ourselves to Him, to be at His disposal for His glory taking Him as our true guide and only portion, promising by the help of divine grace to watch against sin, temptation, and corruption; and to hold a continual warfare with the same, looking to Christ who is the Author and Finisher of our faith, and the only hope and surety of His people.

Under His covenant of grace, we do now freely and joyfully give ourselves to one another by the will of God, freely covenanting and engaging to and with each other, to bear one another's burdens in the gospel and so fulfill the law of Christ unto obedience, promising to watch over one another in love and to hold communion together in the ordinances of the gospel, submitting ourselves in this, which we trust a part of His mystical body, according as we shall be directed by His Spirit in His word; and by the help of divine grace to still pray for more light from the Lord believing that He will further and more gloriously open to us His word and the mysteries of His kingdom, and to our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Savior, to whom be glory forever and forever. Amen.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

The following Articles of Faith were read and adopted without a dissenting voice:

1. Of God and the Holy Family . . . We believe in one only true and living God, who rules all things after the counsel of His own will; and that he who created all things is infinite in power, wisdom, knowledge, and goodness; eternal, immortal, invisible and unchangeable; and this God has revealed Himself in His word, under the character of Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and that these three are one; and there are three that bear witness in earth; The water, the spirit and the blood, and that these agree in one.

2. Of the Holy Scriptures . . . We believe that the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the written word of God. And are a sufficient rule of faith and practice; that they are given by inspiration of God, and are profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for

correction, and for instruction in righteousness; and they contain all things necessary to be known for the salvation of men.

3. Of the Atonement . . . We believe that Christ died and made a complete atonement for all who ever did, does now or ever will believe on His name; and that all who are finally saved were given to Christ in Covenant of the Father before the world was, that they should show forth his praise.

4. Of Foreknowledge, Election and Predestination. We believe that (all) whom God did foreknow He did also predestinate to be conformed to the image of His son, that God elected, according to His foreknowledge through sanctification of the spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for all saints, and that none came to Christ, only those whom He loved with an everlasting love, and in due time calls to everlasting glory.

5. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

6. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by his own free will and ability.

7. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

8. We believe that God's elect will be called, converted, regenerated, and sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

9. We believe the saints shall be preserved in grace and never finally fall away.

10. We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only proper subjects of these ordinances, and that baptism is by immersion.

11. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment.

12. We believe that punishment of the wicked will be eternal, and the joys of the righteous everlasting.

13. We believe that no Minister has the right to administer the ordinances only to such as are regularly called and have come under the imposition of the hands of the presbytery.

14. We believe in Predestination, as taught in the scriptures and preached by the Apostle Paul and condemn the doctrine of the absolute predestination of all things.

CONSTITUTION AND RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our district duly sent in their associated capacity whom they judge best qualified; and by producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointments shall be entitled to seats. In letters from the different churches shall be expressed their number in fellowship, those received by experience and by letters and restored; those dismissed by letters, excluded and dead since the last report.

2. The number thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage.

3. The Association when convened shall be governed by a proper and regular Decorum.

4. The Association shall have a moderator and clerk, who shall be chosen at each session of the Association by the suffrages of the members present.

5. New churches may be admitted into the union upon examination,

if found orthodox and orderly by the moderator, giving the members the right hand of fellowship.

6. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association not exceeding three.

7. Queries presented by a church or the committee of arrangements may be disposed of as the Association may think proper.

8. That the Association have a fund for defraying the expenses thereof and that the churches shall send by their messengers such sums of money as they may think proper for this purpose, which when received shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer chosen for that purpose, who shall keep an accurate account of all sums received and paid out under the direction of the Association.

9. The minutes shall be read and corrected if necessary and approved by the Association and signed by the moderator and clerk before dismission and recorded by the clerk in a suitable book for that purpose.

10. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

11. The Association shall have power:

1. To provide for the general union of the churches.

2. To preserve inviolate a chain of communion among the churches.

3. To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty.

4. To inquire the cause why such churches as fail to represent themselves in the Association.

5. To appoint any member or members by his or their consent to transact any business which may be assigned them.

6. To withdraw from any church violating the rules of the Association or from the orthodox principles of religion.

7. To admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry to seats if they think proper.

8. To appoint the time and place for the next Association, and adjourn.

9. There shall be a committee on arrangements consisting of the moderator and clerk and three other members chosen as the Association may deem best.

ASSOCIATION MAILING LIST

Mountain: Lon M. Reeves, Sparta, N. C. 25
United P. B. Association, Elder E. S. Salmons, Floyd, Va. 25
Fishers River: Curtis Harbour, Rt. 2, Dobson, N. C. 25
Mt. Zion: J. R. Lilly, Box 136, Hinton, W. Va. 25
St. Clairs Bottom: Quentin P. Dancy, Chilhowie, Va. 25
Roaring River: John D. Hall, 278 South St. Elkin, N. C. 25
New Liberty: W. B. Pendleton, 1632 Third Ave. Charleston, W. Va. 25
Senter: Earl W. Severt, West Jefferson, N. C. 25

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	CLERKS	Annual Meeting	Sun. of Meeting	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd. by Letter	Restored to Fel.	Dis'd by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Tot. Membership	Contributions
STATELINE	S. O. Shelton	July	3	3	....	....	....	1	3	146	$25.00
FAIRVIEW	Murphy Rierson	June	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	11	11.00
SHILO	Stella Rierson	May	4	1	....	....	....	....	1	40	17.00
PLEASANT VIEW	J. B. Young	Aug.	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	48	21.00
BUFFALO	Joe A. Joyce	May	1	2	....	....	....	....	1	33	19.00
PINE GROVE	McKinley Nelson	July	1	2	....	....	....	1	4	128	20.00
LOCUST GROVE	Lee Nunn	Aug.	2	1	....	1	1	1	1	22	10.00
CEDAR GROVE	Rilla Smith	May	3	1	....	....	....	....	1	63	16.00
RED BANK	Lee Anderson	Aug.	4	....	2	....	....	....	1	50	15.00
PLEASANT RIDGE	Fred Slate	Sept.	4	....	1	....	....	1	....	14	12.00

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Cedar Grove Church

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, MAYODAN, N. C.

MAY 11, 12, 13,

1962

Next session convenes with Buffalo Church, located Stokes County, N. C. near Sandy Ridge off Highway 704, Friday before the second Sunday in May, 1963, 11:00 a. m.

OFFICERS

JOEL A. SIMMONS - Moderator, Rt. 2, Westfield, N. C.

S. O. SHELTON - Clerk, Rt. 2, Westfield, North Carolina

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OF THE FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE PINEY GROVE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, HELD WITH CEDAR GROVE CHURCH, ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, N. C. MAY 11, 12, 13, 1962.

FRIDAY MORNING, MAY 12, 1962

The Association met according to last year's appointment, and opened with song, Gobles No. 266, and prayer by Elder Coy Sykes from Fisher's Primitive Baptist Association.

The Introductory sermon was preached by Elder Bell Tucker; text 1 Peter 2:9.

After intermission of about one hour, the messengers assembled in the house and were called to order for business by Elder Joel A. Simmons and song and prayer by Elder Elbert Hunter from Fisher's River Association.

The letters from the different churches were called for, received and read and their messengers seated.

Elder Joel A. Simmons was elected Moderator and S. O. Shelton was elected Clerk.

Called for Petitionary letters. None came.

The following brethren were welcomed from Mates Creek Primitive Baptist Association: Elder Fonso Justice, Elder Monroe Justice, Deacon George McCoy, and Brother Roby Lewis.

Called for correspondence from sister associations and they came forward as follows:

Fishers River: Deacon Brady Pilson, Brother H. E. Johnson, Brother W. H. Johnson.

St. Clairs Bottom: None.

Mt. Zion: Elder Lowell Lilly.

Roaring River: Elder Charlie Hall, Deacon W. C. Hall.

Moved, seconded and carried to seat the above correspondence.

Referred to Committee on Arrangements the following associations: Mountain, United Primitive Baptists of Virginia, Center and New Liberty.

Moved, seconded and carried that the church at Snake Creek be recognized.

Called for visitors:

Fishers River: Deacon E. H. Taylor, Deacon Ramond Coins, Deacon H. J. Hill, Elder Jesse Collings, Brother T. R. Hall, Brother Arnold Fulp, Deacon J. H. Keaton, Elder J. I. Crews, Elder Elbert Hunter, Elder Coy Sykes, Brother Sam Holder, Elder Coy Hawks, Brother Moir Pruitt, Deacon Raymond Smith, Elder James Hill, Deacon Coy Flippin and others.

St. Clair's Bottom: None.

Roaring River: Elder Raleigh Joines.

Mt. Zion: Sister Lowell Lilly, Brother Harry Sturgill.

Correspondence and visiting brethren were welcomed and seated.

The following Committees were appointed by the Moderator:

Committee on Finance: Elder Harry Bowman, Deacon Russell Martin, and Deacon Nolaska Alley.

Preaching Committee: Deacon A. J. Bennett, Deacon Willie Shelton, Brother Walter Hodge.

Committee on Arrangements: Deacon Moir Flippin, Deacon Roy Hall, Elder Bell Tucker with Moderator and Clerk.

After preaching by Elder J. I. Crews, the Association adjourned until Saturday morning 9:30 a. m.

Dismissed by Elder Monroe Justice.

ELDER JOEL A. SIMMONS Moderator
S. O. SHELTON, Clerk

SATURDAY MORNING, May 12, 1962

Called names of messengers and marked those absent.

The Association was opened with song and prayer by Elder Charlie Hall from Roaring River Primitive Baptist Association.

The business of the day was taken up.

Called for correspondence and visitors that were not present on Friday and names added to Friday's list and given right hand of fellowship.

Called for correspondence to sister associations. Reports were received, by motion, second and vote, and excused the brethren that did not attend.

Appointments were made to sister associations as follows:

Fisher's River: Elder Bell Tucker, Deacon Robe Joyce, Brother Walter Hodge.

St. Clair's Bottom: Elder M. O. Stephens, Elder Joel Simmons, Deacon S. O. Shelton.

Roaring River: Elder Bell Tucker, Elder Joel Simmons, Deacon Roy Hall, Elder M. O. Stephens.

Mt. Zion: Elder Joel Simmons, Brother James Sturgill, Deacon S. O. Shelton and Elder M. O. Stephens.

Returned thanks to God for His blessings and extend our appreciation to the brethren, sisters, and friends of the community for their kind hospitality during the Association. Minutes were read and approved by the Association. Moved, seconded and voted to receive them. After prayer by Elder Velt Pyrtle the Association adjourned to the time and place mentioned above.

ELDER JOEL A. SIMMONS Moderator
S. O. SHELTON, Clerk

PREACHING SERVICE

Friday:

Elder Coy Sykes, introduced the service
Elder Bell Tucker, introductory sermon, no special text
Elder Elbert Hunter, introduced association service
Elder J. I. Crews, no special text
Dismissed by Elder Monroe Justice

Saturday:

Elder Monroe Justice, introduced the service
Elder Lowell Lilly, text: St. John 5:25
Elder James Hill, text, St. Mark 16:15
Elder Fonso Justice, text 1 Cor. 1:30, 31
Elder Elbert Hunter, text, St. John 21:18
Elder Monroe Justice, no special text
Elder Coy Hawks, text Acts 2:39
Elder Velt Pyrtle, dismissed service

Sunday:

Elder Charlie Joyce, introduced service
Elder Jesse Williams, no special text
Elder Orville Nealey, no special text
Brother Isaac Gibbins, text, St. John 6:54
Elder Weldon Joyce, Gen. 22:1, 2
Elder Lowell Lilly, Rom. 8:28
Elder M. H. Vaden, dismissed service
Elder Joel Simmons, remarks

Report of Committee on Arrangements:

We recommend that the next Association go to Buffalo Primi-

tive Baptist Church, Sandy Ridge, N. C., beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in May, 1963 at 11:00 a. m.

We recommend to have 1,000 of our minutes printed and mailed to each of our corresponding Associations and to each of our churches. We recommend to have the Circular letter written by Brother S. O. Shelton to be printed in our minutes.

We recommend to have the Covenant, Articles of Faith, Rules of Decorum, and Constitution printed in our minutes. We recommend that Brother Moir Flippin write the Circular Letter for next year.

We recommend, due to the open door action taken by the Mountain Association and the United Primitive Baptist Association of Virginia, and all who affiliate with them, to withdraw from them, for they knowing that they are preaching with churches, groups, factions, and ministers which have long since been declared in disorder by our and corresponding associations.

We recommend that churches in the Mountain or the United Primitive Baptist Association of Virginia, that prove by their practice that do not desire to go with the disorder, and therefore stand for orthodox doctrine and practice, to recognize them in brotherly love and fellowship.

We recommend to withdraw correspondence from Center Association and New Liberty Association for one year, due to the fact that they are preaching with Mountain and United Primitive Baptists of Virginia.

We recommend to give our Moderator $20.00 and Clerk $20.00.

Report received and brethren excused.

Report of Finance Committee:

Received from friends	$ 2.50	
Received from churches	167.50	
Balance in hands of Clerk	40.00	$210.00
Gave visiting ministers	$ 65.00	
Gave the Moderator	20.00	
Gave the Clerk	20.00	
Minutes and postage	68.00	
Balance in hands of Clerk	37.00	$210.00

Report received and brethren excused.

Jesus said: Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-Jona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but My Father which is in heaven, and I say also unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I am not writing this circular letter to bring the Primitive Baptists up to date, on doctrine, order and practices, for we believe in a revealed religion.

The ancient and tested truth that guided the Church through its early days will do equally well for us in our time. The principles on which the Church is based have been established long before we now living approached the stage of action. They do not change from decade to decade and from century to century. These principles are derived from the truth that God has revealed unto His people, as unto Peter in the above text.

Circumstances do change; so do the problems that are shaped by circumstances, but the principles that govern the solutions of the problems do not change. We need not try to find new or different truth, but to apply the established truth to the problems of our day. When the truth is revealed to us, the scripture is also a witness, and the Spirit bears witness with our spirit.

Being appointed again this year to write the circular letter, I find it fitting to write on the above subject, due to the widespread difference and unrest among the people that call themselves Primitive Baptists, to show if I may that the Lord Jesus came not to make the way passable and possible, but to make it certain and sure. The victory is already won. It is the Father's good pleasure to give unto you the kingdom. It was the glorious work of the Almighty Spirit of God, who quickeneth whom He will, and bestows spiritual gifts on men according to His good pleasure, who has but to breathe upon the valley of dry bones and they will live, while without the divine Spirit, all the wise, pretentious, monetary, and unscriptural devices of men are less than nothing and vanity.

It was a stone cut without hands that smote and destroyed the great lifeless image of wordly glory in Nebucadnezzar's vision, and that became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth. The stone represented the indestructible kingdom of the God of

heaven. It is upon the immovable rock of His own eternal divinity that the Son of God is building, and will continue to build His church against which the gates of hell shall never prevail.

Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it. Christ's kingdom is not of this world, but spiritual. This kingdom was prophesied in the Old Testament to come. It has come and will be complete at His next coming. The Church cannot ever be destroyd. Daniel told the king, God had made known to him what shall come to pass and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure. (Dan. 2:44) And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.

In nature it may seem as if the gates of hell are prevailing, but rest assured dear brethren, they will not prevail. The Rock of our salvation is a sure foundation, tried and sure. But listen: the apostle Paul told the Corinthian brethren, "Moreover, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea: and were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea: and did all eat the same spiritual meat: and all did drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness. These things were our examples." Yes, the people sat down to eat and rose up to play. We have seen men, churches and associations of great esteem overthrown in our day by deviating from the principles that have been established from ancient times. The Apostle also said: "There is no temptation taken you but is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able: but will with the temptation also make a way of escape, that ye may be able to bear it." Paul said, "I speak to wise men: Judge ye what I say." Also: For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.

—S. O. Shelton, Clerk

COVENANT

We do now in the presence of Almighty God, and in the faith of the gospel, and by the help of divine grace, unreservedly and unitedly give up ourselves to God the Father and His Son Jesus Christ, and to the Holy Ghost, to be for Him and no other; freely submitting ourselves to Him, to be at His disposal for His glory taking Him as our true guide and only portion, promising by the help of divine grace to watch against sin, temptation, and corruption; and to hold a continual warfare with the same, looking to Christ who is the Author and Finisher of our faith, and the only hope and surety of His people.

Under His covenant of grace, we do now freely and joyfully give ourselves to one another by the will of God, freely covenanting and engaging to and with each other, to bear one another's burdens in the gospel and so fulfill the law of Christ unto obedience, promising to watch over one another in love and to hold communion together in the ordinances of the gospel, submitting ourselves in this, which we trust a part of His mystical body, according as we shall be directed by His Spirit in His word; and by the help of divine grace to still pray for more light from the Lord believing that He will further and more gloriously open to us His word and the mysteries of His kingdom, and to our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Savior, to whom be glory forever and forever. Amen.

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CONSTITUTION AND RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our district duly sent in their associated capacity whom they judge best qualified; and by producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointments shall be entitled to seats. In letters from the different churches shall be expressed their number in fellowship, those received by experience and by letters and restored; those dismissed by letters, excluded and dead since the last report.

2. The number thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage.

3. The Association when convened shall be governed by a proper and regular Decorum.

4. The Association shall have a moderator and clerk, who shall be chosen at each session of the Association by the suffrages of the members present.

5. New churches may be admitted into the union upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly by the moderator, giving the members the right hand of fellowship.

6. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association not exceeding three.

7. Queries presented by a church or the committee of arrangements may be disposed of as the Association may think proper.

8. That the Association have a fund for defraying the expenses thereof and that the churches shall send by their messengers such sums of money as they may think proper for this purpose, which when received shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer chosen for that purpose, who shall keep an accurate account of all sums received and paid out under the direction of the Association.

9. The minutes shall be read and corrected if necessary and approved by the Association and signed by the moderator and clerk before dismission and recorded by the clerk in a suitable book for that purpose.

10. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

11. The Association shall have power:

1. To provide for the general union of the churches.

2. To preserve inviolate a chain of communion among the churches.

3. To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty.

4. To inquire the cause why such churches as fail to represent themselves in the Association.

5. To appoint any member or members by his or their consent to transact any business which may be assigned them.

6. To withdraw from any church violating the rules of the Association or from the orthodox principles of religion.

7. To admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry to seats if they think proper.

8. To appoint the time and place for the next Association, and adjourn.

9. There shall be a committee on arrangements consisting of the moderator and clerk and three other members chosen as the Association may deem best.

ASSOCIATION MAILING LIST

Mountain: Lon M. Reeves, Sparta, N. C. 25
United P. B. Association, Elder E. S. Salmons, Floyd, Va. 25
Fishers River: Curtis Harbour, Rt. 2, Dobson, N. C. 25
Mt. Zion: J. R. Lilly, Box 136, Hinton, W. Va. 25
St. Clairs Bottom: Quentin P. Dancy, Chilhowie, Va. 25
Roaring River: John D. Hall, 278 South St. Elkin, N. C. 25
New Liberty: W. B. Pendleton, 1632 Third Ave. Charleston, W. Va. 25
Senter: Earl W. Severt, West Jefferson, N. C. 25

NAMES OF MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES

Elder Thaxter Gammons, Stuart, Va.
Elder R. L. Rogers, Mt. Airy, N. C.
Elder Joel Simmons, Westfield, N. C.
Elder Grover Goins, Martinsville. Va.
Elder M. H. Vaden, Westfield, N. C.
Elder Manie Stephens, Lawsonville, N. C.
Elder G. W. Wood, Leaksville, N. C.
Elder Johnnie Duggins, Mayodan, N. C.
Elder Velt Pyrtle, Mayodan, N. C.
Elder Nelson Stewart, Lexington, N. C.
Elder Bell Tucker, Gibsonville, N. C.
Elder Edd Priddy, Danbury, N. C.
Elder Sam Adkins, Madison, N. C.
Elder Harry Bowman, Claudville, Va.
Elder Weldon Joyce, Rt. 3, Stuart, Va.
Brother Walter Hodge, Martinsville, Va.
Brother Weldon Mabe, Danbury, N. C.
Brother Roy Flinchum, Danbury, N. C.

CHURCHES AND THEIR PASTORS

Stateline—Elder Joel A. Simmons, Elder R. L. Rogers
Fair View—Elder M. H. Vaden, Elder M. V. Stevens
Shiloh—Elder Velt Pyrtle
Pleasant View Elder Sam Adkins
Buffalo—Elder Charlie Joyce, Elder Coy Sykes
Piney Grove—Elders M. H. Vaden and Mannie Stevens
Locust Grove—Elder Joel A. Simmons, Elder George Nooncaster
Cedar Grove—Elder Sam Adkins, Velt Pyrtle
Red Banks—Elder Joel A. Simmons, Elder Harry Bowman
Pleasant Ridge—Elder Weldon Joyce

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	NAMES OF CHURCH MESSENGERS	Sun. of Meeting	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Restored to Fel.	Dis'd by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Tot. Membership	Contributions
Stateline	Deacon Moir Flippin, Brethren Jim Shelor, George Flippin, and Brother Lewis Flippin, alternate	3	4	1	....	....	....	6	146	$20.00
Fair View	Sisters Minnie Holt, Murphey Rierson, Brother Sam Holt	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	11	7.00
Shiloh	Elder Bell Tucker, Brother George Tucker, Deacon L. E. Shelton, Brother Charlie Kendrick, alternate	4	....	1	....	....	....	1	44	21.00
Pleasant View	Deacons Guy Priddy, N. A. Alley, Brother Otis Morton and Brother Clyde Priddy, alternate	2	....	....	....	....	1	1	46	20.00
Buffalo	Brother Bernice Joyce, Deacon Willie Shelton, Brother Joe A. Joyce, Brother Lester Shelton, alternate	1	2	....	....	1	....	1	32	23.50
Piney Grove	Deacon A. J. Bennett, Deacon Roy Hall, Brother Cannie Sands, Brother Odell Simmons, alternate	1	5	....	....	....	....	2	134	20.00
Locust Grove	Elder H. M. Bowman, Brethren W. Hardin Bowman, Grover Goins, and Deacon Jim Pack, alternate	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	22	16.00
Cedar Grove	Deacon Willie Hutchens, Elder Sam Adkins, Deacons Robe Joyce, and James H. Dunlapp, alternate	3	....	....	....	1	....	1	60	15.00
Red Bank	Deacon Russell Martin, Brother James Sturgill, Brother Willie Goins, Elder Thaxter Gammons, alternate	4	1	....	....	....	....	....	53	13.00
Pleasant Ridge	Brother Walter Hodge, Deacon Fred Slate, Deacon Sam Mills, Brother Druie Mabe, alternate	4	....	....	....	....	....	....	14	12.00

Minutes

OF THE

Sixth

Annual Session

OF THE

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Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Buffalo Church

MAY 10, 11, 12,

1963

Next session convenes with Red Bank Church, Claudville, Va., Highway 103 midway from Mt. Airy, N. C. and Stuart, Va.

OFFICERS

JOEL A. SIMMONS - Moderator, Rt. 2, Westfield, N. C.
S. O. SHELTON - Clerk, Rt. 2, Westfield, North Carolina

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Proceedings

OF THE SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE PINEY GROVE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, HELD WITH BUFFALO CHURCH, STOKES COUNTY, N. C. MAY 10, 11, 12, 1963.

FRIDAY MORNING—May 10, 1963

The Association met according to last year's appointment, and opened with song and prayer by Elder Raleigh Joines from Roaring River Primitive Baptist Association.

The Introductory sermon was preached by Elder Joel A. Simmons and followed by Elder Edward Lawson from Fishers River Primitive Baptist Association.

After intermission of about one hour, the messengers assembled in the house and wer called to order for business by: Elder Joel A. Simmons, Moderator and song and prayer by: Elder Fletcher Beasly from Big Creek Church.

The letters from the different churches were called for, read and their messengers seated.

Elder Joel A. Simmons was elected Moderator and S. O. Shelton was elected Clerk.

Called for petitionary letters: None.

Moved, seconded and carried to elect Moderator and Clerk by private vote each session.

Called for correspondence from sister associations and they came forward as follows:

Fishers River: Brother Curtis Harbour, Deacon Yancy Simmons.

St. Clairs Bottom: Brother G. P. Dancy, Brother Delmer Heath.

Roaring River: Elder Raleigh Joines, Deacon W. Clarence Hall.

Moved, seconded and carried to seat the above correspondence.

Referred to Committee of Arrangement the following Association: Mount Zion, Center and New Liberty.

Called for Visitors:

Fishers River: Elder James Hill, Deacon Raymond Coins and wife, Deacon Ollie Sisk and wife, Deacon Earnest Simmons, Brother George White, Deacon H. J. Hill, Brother Willie Branch,

Elder George Nooncaster, Elder Jesse Williams and wife, Elder Edward Lawson, Elder Jesse Collins and wife, Brother Otis Rogers, Deacon Raymond Smith and wife, Deacon J. H. Keaton, Brother Lem Holder and wife, Elder W. C. Hawks and wife, Deacon Glenn Hunter and wife, Brother L. L. Love and wife.

St. Clairs Bottom: Brother Andy Arrington, Sister G. P. Dancy, Sister C. R. Dancey, Sister Mae Heath.

Roaring River: Elder Charlie Hall and wife.

Washington: Elder M. K. Cook.

Correspondence and visiting brethren were welcomed and seated.

The following Committees were appointed by the Moderator:

Committee on Finance: Elder Harry Bowman, Elder M. O. Stevens, Deacon Russell Martin.

Preaching Committee: Deacon L. V. Purdy, Deacon Guy Priddy, Deacon Fred Slate.

Committee on Arrangement: Deacon Robert Joyce, Brother Lewis Flippin, Brother Bernice Joye with Moderator and Clerk.

After preaching by Elder Jesse Collins, Elder George Nooncaster, Elder James Hill, the Association adjourned until Saturday morning 9:30 a. m. Dismissed by Elder Velt Pyrtle.

Brother Willie Branch dismissed at stand.

ELDER JOEL SIMMONS, Moderator
S. O. SHELTON, Clerk

SATURDAY MORNING—May 11, 1963

Called names of messengers and marked those absent.

The Association was opened with song and prayer by Elder Willie Martin, Cedar Falls Church.

The business of the day was taken up.

Called for correspondence and visitors that were not present on Friday and added names to Friday's list, and given right hand of fellowship.

Called for correspondence to sister Associations. Reports were received, by motion, second and vote, and excused the brethren that did not attend.

Appointments were made to sister Associations as follows:

Fishers River: Deacon Robert Joyce, Elder M. H. Vaden,

Deacon Roy Hall, Elder Ed Priddy, Elder Harry Bowman.

St. Clairs Bottom: Elder M. O. Stevens, Elder Joel Simmons, Deacon A. J. Bennett, Deacon Guy Priddy.

Roaring River: Deacon S. O. Shelton, Elder Joel Simmons, Brother Lewis Flippin, Elder Harry Bowman, Deacon Robert Joyce.

Washington: Deacon S. O. Shelton, Elder M. O. Stevens, Elder Joel Simmons, Brother Walter Hodge.

Moved and seconded and carried to take up correspondence with the Washington Primitive Baptist Association.

Resolved that we return thanks first to God for mercies and thanks to our brethren and sisters and friends for so lovingly and tenderly caring for us in this session.

On motion we adjourn with prayer by Elder Jesse Collins.

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Report of Committee on Arrangement:

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We recommend that the Circular Letter for next year be written by Elder Johnnie Duggins.

We recommend that we drop all fellowship with the Senter Association, New Liberty and Mount Zion Association.

We recommend to give our Moderator $20.00.

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Report received and brethren excused.

If those who went out from us want to return and live among

us, the way is open provided they are content to forsake their present walk, and dwell with us contentedly, observing the law and order of our house. We desire to contend for and live after the pattern left by Christ and His apostles. While contending firmly and faithfully for the old paths, we desire to do what we may to reclaim erring ones who show true repentance. We know that from ancient times there were those who were not satisfied with the order of God's house, but gathered to themselves idols or inventions of men, and brought them into Israel's camp. Dearly beloved brethren have gone out from us, but we must not regard their persons, but be faithful to the cause. If we were scriptural in doctrine and practice when they left us, we are in that condition still. If we are scriptural now, we have nothing to give up, take back or compromise. We believe that Christ and His apostles taught everything needful for our instruction, and set up all the practices that His children have any right to follow in a private or church capacity.

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PREACHING SERVICE

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Elder Raleigh Joines, introduced, Roaring River Association
Elder Joal A. Simmons, introductory sermon, Heb. 11
Elder Edward Lawson, for Fishers River Association
Elder Fletcher Beasley, introduced, from Big Creek Church
Elder Jesse Collins, Fishers River Association
Elder G. W. Nooncaster, Fishers River Association
Elder James F. Hill, Eph. 2:1, Fishers River Association
Elder Velt Pyrtle, dismissed service
Brother Willie Branch dismissed service at stand

Saturday:

Elder Willie Martin, introduced service, from Cedar Falls Church
Elder Jesse Williams, Fishers River Association

Elder Weldon Joyce, Piney Grove Association
Elder W. C. Hawks, Fishers River Association
Elder R. L. Bonds, Snake Creek Church
Elder Jule Marion, Fishers River Association
Elder Charlie Hall, Roaring River Association
Elder Coy Sykes, Fishers River Association
Elder Lin Wilkins, Wilson Church
Elder Jesse Collins, dismissed Association.
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Elder Raleigh Joines, Roaring River Association
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CIRCULAR LETTER

To the Piney Grove Primitive Baptist Association:

Dear Brethren,—As I was appointed last year to write the Circular Letter, I will attempt to do so, feeling that anyone would have been more capable than I.

I hope that we are all thankful for the many blessings, both temporal and spiritual, that God has so richly bestowed upon us, and that we can meet again in this association to worship and serve God from whom all blessings flow. We are told in the Bible that all good and perfect gifts come from the Father of light. I feel sure that the Lord blesses us with natural life all through our lives, and we also have blessings, which are perfect gifts, which come down from the Father. This being the truth, what manner of people ought we to be! God so loved us that He suffered his only son to shed His precious blood on the cross for you, and I hope for me.

Some of the perfect gifts are felt when we are blessed to hear the gospel as a sweet message from heaven when it is preached in a spirit of love. We feel that the gospel is not measured as we measure material things here in this world. There is no method by which we can describe fully the sacred influence power of the gospel, however we do feel that the Lord has given us a principle that dwells within the hearts and minds of believers, that serves well as a measurement, or rule, by which to be governed.

I love the doctrine, principles, and practice the Old Baptists have always stood for. Let us brethren stand by these grand old principles. Other principles will cause trouble and confusion, so let us strive to live together in peace, love, and fellowship, esteeming our brethren better than ourselves. In Jeremiah 6:16 we find these words: "Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein."

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Red Banks—Elder Joel A. Simmons, Elder Harry Bowman
Pleasant Ridge—Elder Weldon Joyce

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Stateline	Dea. Moir Flippin, Bro. Benton Joyce, Bro. Lewis Flippin .	July	3	3	1	....	....	....	7	144	$20.00
Red Bank	Dea. Russell Martin, Bros. Willie Goins, Carson Bondurant	Aug.	4	2	....	....	....	1	3	52	14.00
Pleasant Ridge	Dea. Fred Slate, Dea. Sam Mills, Bro. Walter Hodge	Sept.	4	....	....	....	....	....	....	14	17.00
Buffalo	Bro. Bernice Joyce, Bro. Joe Joyce, Dea. Willie Shelton	May	1	4	....	....	....	....	3	33	21.00
Locust Grove	Eld. H. Bowman, Dea. Junior Owens, Bro. Hardin Bowman	Aug.	2	1	....	....	....	....	....	23	13.00
Cedar Grove	Eld. A. R. Pyrtle, Dea. Robert Joyce, Eld. Johnnie Duggins	May	3	....	....	....	....	....	3	60	15.00
Piney Grove	Eld. M. H. Vaden, Eld. M. O. Stevens, Bro. W. B. Shelton	July	1	1	....	....	....	....	....	131	20.00
Pleasant View	Dea. Guy Priddy, Bro. Curtis Priddy, Bro. Clyde Priddy ..	Oct.	2	....	....	....	....	....	1	45	16.00
Fair View	Sis. Murphey Rierson, Sis. Minnie Holt, Dea. W. E. Martin	June	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	11	15.00
Shiloh	Dea. Vestle Purdy, Dea. Hester Brame, Bro. Snead Joyce	May	4	....	....	....	....	....	....	44	16.00

Minutes

OF THE

Seventh

Annual Session

OF THE

Piney Grove

Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Red Bank Church

PATRICK COUNTY, CLAUDVILLE, VIRGINIA

MAY 8, 9, 10,

1964

Next session convenes with Pleasant Ridge Church, located on Hwy. 58 about 15 miles east of Stuart, Va., Friday before the second Sunday in May, 1965.

OFFICERS

ELDER JOEL A. SIMMONS ..... Moderator
Rt. 2, Westfield, N. C.

S. O. SHELTON - Clerk ..... Rt. 2, Westfield, N. C.

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Proceedings

OF THE SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE PINEY GROVE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

FRIDAY MORNING—May 8, 1964

The Association met according to last year's appointment, and opened with song and prayer by Elder Henry Viers from Washington Association.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Joel Simmons, Moderator of the Piney Grove Association, followed by Elder Raleigh Joines of the Roaring River Association.

After intermission of about one hour, the messengers assembled in the house and were called to order for business by Elder Joel Simmons, Moderator. Brother Jesse Williams introduced for association.

The letters from the different churches were called for, read and their messengers seated.

Elder Joel Simmons was elected Moderator and S. O. Shelton was elected Clerk.

Called for petitionary letters. None.

Called for correspondence from Sister Associations and they came forward as follows:

Fishers River Association: E. H. Taylor, Dea. Brady Pilson, Elder Donnie Wood.

St. Clairs Bottom: Dea. A. J. Arrington, Brother Delmer Heath.

Roaring River: Elder Raleigh Joines, Dea. Clarence Hall, Deacon Carl Francis.

Washington: Elder M. M. Edwards, Elder R. C. Compton.

Called for visitors:

Fishers River: Deacon Ollie Sisk, Brother W. C. Hiatt, Deacon J. E. Simmons, Deacon H. J. Hill, Brother Arnold Fulk, Brother G. P. Lyons, Brother R. L. Bonds, Dea. H. J. Hill, Elder Jesse Williams and wife, Sister Hulda Nelson, Dea. Raymond Smith and wife, Deacon Raymond Coins and wife, Deacon Sams and wife, Elder Coy Hawks, Elder Bell Tucker, Elder Willie Branch, Deacon Curtis Harbor, Elder Jule Marion.

St. Clairs Bottom: Sisters Mary Jane Puckett, Ellen Ausbeyn.

Roaring River: Elder Charlie Hall, Deacon Fred G. Weaver and wife, Sister Charlie Hall, Brother C. R. Hall, Jr.

Washington: Elder M. C. Miller, Elder Henry Viers, Elder Beauford Conway, Brother Fred Yates, Elder M. K. Cook, Brother Billy Cook.

Corresponding and visiting brethren were welcomed and seated by move, second and vote.

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator:

Committee on Finance: Deacon H. L. Brame, Elder Thaxter Gammons, Brother McKinley Nelson.

Preaching Committee: Elder Harry Bowman, Deacon Fred Slate, Deacon Nolaska Alley.

Committee on Arrangements: Deacon James Tudor, Deacon Moir Flippin, Elder Johnnie Duggins.

After Preaching by Elder Jesse Collins and Elder Buford Conway, the Association adjourned until Saturday morning at 9:30 a. m. Dismissed by Elder M. K. Cook.

ELDER JOEL SIMMONS, Moderator
S. O. SHELTON, Clerk

SATURDAY MORNING—May 9, 1964

Called names of messengers and marked those absent.

The Association opened with song and prayer by Elder Bell Tucker from the Fishers River Association.

The business of the day was taken up.

Called for correspondence and visitors that were not present on Friday and added names to Friday's list, and gave a right hand of fellowship.

Called for correspondence to sister associations. Reports were received by motion, second and vote, and excused the brethren that did not attend.

Appointments were made to sister associations as follows:

Fishers River: Deacon S. O. Shelton, Deacon Fred Slate, Elder Joel Simmons, Deacon Rob Joyce.

St. Clairs Bottom: Deacon Guy Priddy, Eld. Johnnie Duggins, Elder Joel Simmons, Deacon S. O. Shelton.

Washington: Elder Joel Simmons, Elder Johnnie Duggins, Deacon S. O. Shelton, Elder Sam Adkins, Deacon Rob Joyce.

Roaring River: Elder Weldon Joyce, Elder Joel Simmons, Elder Harry Bowman, Deacon Roy Hall.

Resolved that we return thanks first to God for mercies and thanks to our brethren and sisters and friends for so lovingly and tenderly caring for us in this session.

On motion we adjourn with prayer by Elder M. M. Edwards of Washington Association.

ELDER JOEL SIMMONS, Moderator
S. O. SHELTON, Clerk

Report of Committee on Arrangements:

We recommend that the next Association go to Pleasant Ridge, Spencer, Va. on Hwy. 158, 15 miles east of Stuart, Va.

We recommend to have 1,000 copies of our minutes printed and mailed to each of our corresponding associations and to each of our churches.

We recommend to have the circular letter written by Elder Johnnie Duggins to be printed in our minutes.

We recommend to have the Covenant, Articles of Faith, Rules of Decorum, and Constitution printed in our minutes.

We recommend that the Circular Letter for next year be written by Elder Weldon Joyce.

We recommend to give our Moderator $20.00.

We recommend to give our Clerk $20.00.

Report received and brethren excused.

Report of Finance Committee:

Received from churches	$172.00	
Received from friends	11.00	
Balance in hands of Clerk	23.00	$206.00
Gave visiting ministers	$ 50.00	
Gave Moderator	20.00	
Gave Clerk	20.00	
Minutes and postage	65.42	
Balance in hands of Clerk	50.58	$206.00

Report received and brethren excused.

PREACHING SERVICE

Friday:

Elder Henry Viers introduced (Washington Association)
Elder Joel Simmons, Introductory Sermon
Elder Raleigh Joins (Roaring River Association)
Elder Jesse Collins (Fishers River Association)
Elder Beauford Conway (Washington Association)

Saturday:

Elder Bell Tucker, Introduced (Fishers River Association)
Elder Charlie Hall (Roaring River Association)
Elder Henry Viers (Washington Association)
Elder Donnie Wood (Fishers River Association)
Elder Raleigh Compton (Washington Association)
Elder Monte Miller (Washington Association)
Elder M. M. Edwards, dismissed (Washington Association)
Elder Edd Priddy, dismissed Preaching Service

Sunday:

Elder M. H. Vaden, introduced
Elder Coy Hawks (Fishers River Association)
Elder M. M. Edwards (Washington Association)
Elder M. K. Cook (Washington Association)
Elder H. B. Thomas (Fishers River Association)
Elder Coy Sykes, dismissed (Fishers River Association)

CIRCULAR LETTER

Since I am appointed to write the Circular Letter, I will try with the help, and by the mercy of God. For some time my mind has led me to make this practical, yet profound suggestion: Are our churches beseeching God to heal their hearts and to bind up their wounds? He healeth the broken in heart and bindeth up their wounds. (Psa. 147:3) I find it lonesome where there is no love, no showing of affection, and people go in opposite directions. I find it most tiresome and it hinders me from sleep to lie awake and undertake to count the many saints of God who are separated by the divisions of men. Are we really practicing the presence of God? Living in the presence of God? Let us apply this to all the saints of God and the servants of God. Living in the presence of the best means the best in thought, the best in memory, the best a real part of us.

The writer in Proverbs said "Out of the heart are the issues of life, and as a man thinketh so is he." Jesus said that which cometh out of a man—that defileth him. For from out of the heart proceed evil thoughts.

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. (Philippians 4:8)

The children of God will not live in the past, but they will forget none of the best of the past. Those who say the past has nothing to teach us are short sighted. Today is really the unfolding of yesterday, the beautiful blooms of the flowers of today is the unfolding of the seed of yesterday. The stars of the heavens are todays

fulfillment of the order and beauty that God saw in the beginning when looking at His creation. He said "It is good." We see when blessed by the revelation of God all that has gone into the creation of that life through the blood of the Lamb of God, His only begotten Son.

If only our people will forget the things which are behind. Yes, Paul was right. Forget all those ugly, dark things that hinder and limit us. Let the dead past bury the dead. I believe the old self has been crucified with Christ when He said it was finished and forgave every one of his little children of their sins on the cross. I remember the best of that act when he died for his little children and I hope for me an unworthy sinner if saved, saved by His mercy and grace. But when, when I can be blessed to feel the presence of God, then the past dealings He has done for me I can remember it, cherish it, live it. To live only in the present is to become a sober and sometimes disillusioned realist. To live only in the past is to become a sensitive sentimentalist. To live only in the future is to become an impractical dreamer, but a balance by the grace of God gives us a rich life with the fullness Christ intended us to have. The dreamer, the man or woman of vision, has always played an important role in the history of mankind, and he is needed today. Where there is no vision, the people perish. In Christ we have the best of the past, present, and future. If we want to enjoy the fullness of this life, we must live in the presence of God constantly.

God sees us stumble through this life, but if we live in His presence, we can at the end with faith renewed say Come welcome death, I'll gladly go with thee no more to fear; home at last. This is my heart's desire and may God's rich mercy bless and keep you, and may we meet around the throne of God, and sing Holy, Holy forever. Farewell.

Your unworthy brother,

—Johnnie L. Duggins

OBITUARY

Sister Rilla Smith was born January 30, 1900 and died August 28, 1963. She married Edd Smith April 1, 1917.

Sister Smith joined the Primitive Baptist Church and was baptized May 20, 1945 as a member of Cedar Grove Church at Mayodan, N. C.

She was appointed Clerk April 19, 1952, a job she filled faithfully and acceptably till death claimed her.

The passing of Sister Smith was a great loss of our church. However, we hope to meet her with the saints of God where no farewell tears are shed.

Written by order of the church.

—Johnnie L. Duggins, Clerk

COVENANT

We do now in the presence of Almighty God, and in the faith of the gospel, and by the help of divine grace, unreservedly and unitedly give

up ourselves to God the Father and His Son Jesus Christ, and to the Holy Ghost, to be for Him and no other; freely submitting ourselves to Him, to be at His disposal for His glory taking Him as our true guide and only portion, promising by the help of divine grace to watch against sin, temptation, and corruption; and to hold a continual warfare with the same, looking to Christ who is the Author and Finisher of our faith, and the only hope and surety of His people.

Under His covenant of grace, we do now freely and joyfully give ourselves to one another by the will of God, freely covenanting and engaging to and with each other, to bear one another's burdens in the gospel and so fulfill the law of Christ unto obedience, promising to watch over one another in love and to hold communion together in the ordinances of the gospel, submitting ourselves in this, which we trust a part of His mystical body, according as we shall be directed by His Spirit in His word; and by the help of divine grace to still pray for more light from the Lord believing that He will further and more gloriously open to us His word and the mysteries of His kingdom, and to our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Savior, to whom be glory forever and forever. Amen.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

The following Articles of Faith were read and adopted without a dissenting voice:

1. Of God and the Holy Family . . . We believe in one only true and living God, who rules all things after the counsel of His own will; and that he who created all things is infinite in power, wisdom, knowledge, and goodness; eternal, immortal, invisible and unchangeable; and this God has revealed Himself in His word, under the character of Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and that these three are one; and there are three that bear witness in earth; The water, the spirit and the blood, and that these agree in one.

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Brother Weldon Mabe, Danbury, N. C.
Brother Glenn Cox, King, N. C.

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Red Banks—Elder Joel A. Simmons, Elder Harry Bowman
Pleasant Ridge—Elder Weldon Joyce

ASSOCIATION MAILING LIST

Fishers River: Curtis Harbour, Rt. 2, Dobson, N. C. 100
St. Clairs Bottom: Quentin P. Dancy, Chilhowie, Va. 50
Roaring River: John D. Hall, 278 South St., Elkin, N. C. 100
Washington: Brother Carlis Jackson, Mavisdale, Va. 100

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Buffalo	James Tudor, Bernice Joyce, Willie Shelton, Joe Joyce, alt.	May	1	1	....	....	....	....	1	33	23.00
Locust Grove	Eld. Harry Bowman, Hardin Bowman, Junior Owens, Jim Pack, alt.	Aug.	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	23	12.00
Cedar Grove	Rob. Joyce, Eld. J. Duggins, Harrison Dunlap, Willie Hutchens, alt.	May	3	....	1	....	....	....	3	57	15.00
Piney Grove	W. M. Nelson, Howard Nelson, Coy Rierson, Weldon Mabe, alt.	July	1	....	....	....	1	....	3	126	20.00
Pleasant Ridge	Sam Mills, Fred Slate, Eld. Weldon Joyce, Bob Reid Hodge, alt.	Sept.	4	....	....	....	....	....	1	13	12.00
Fair View	Sisters Murphy Rierson, Minnie Holt, Laura Holt, Eld. N. Stewart, alt.	June	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	11	10.00
Shiloh	Vestle Purdy, Hester Brame, Charlie Kendrick, Ernest Fowler, alt.	May	4	....	....	....	1	....	2	38	19.00
Pleasant View	Dea. N. A. Alley, Bros. Gent Dillon, Jack Alley, Bro. Bob Mabe, alt.	Oct.	2	4	....	....	....	....	....	49	16.00

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Minutes

OF THE

Eighth

Annual Session

OF THE

Piney Grove

Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Pleasant Ridge Church

MAY 7, 8, 9,

1965

Next session convenes with Fairview Church, Hiway 68 near Oak Ridge. Take 150 from Kernersville, N. C. to Oak Ridge, Friday before the second Sunday in May, 1965.

OFFICERS

ELDER JOEL A. SIMMONS ..... Moderator
Rt. 2, Westfield, N. C.
S. O. SHELTON - Clerk ..... Rt. 2, Westfield, N. C.

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Proceedings

OF THE EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE PINEY GROVE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

FRIDAY MORNING—May 7, 1965

The Association met according to last year's appointment and opened with song and prayer by Elder Edward Lawson from Fishers River Association. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Joel Simmons, Moderator and followed by Elder James Hill, Moderator from Fishers River Primitive Baptist Association.

After intermission of about one hour, the messengers assembled in the house and were called to order for business by Moderator Elder Joel Simmons.

Elder Martin Edwards introduced service for the Association from the Washington Association.

The care of Locust Grove Church was referred to Committee on Arrangements. By move, second and vote.

The letters from the different churches were called for, read and their messengers seated.

Elder Joel Simmons was elected Moderator and S. O. Shelton was elected Clerk.

Called for petitionary letters from churches: None. From associations: One, Mates Creek Association presented letter of correspondence and it was read and received by move, second and vote.

Called for correspondence from sister associations and they came forward as follows:

Fishers River: Deacon E. H. Taylor, Deacon Gleen Hunter, Elder Bell Tucker, Elder Elbert Hunter.

St. Clairs Bottom: Deacon A. J. Arrington, Deacon Delmer Heath, Brother W. B. Johnson.

Roaring River: Elder Raleigh Joines, Deacon Clarence Hall, Deacon Carl Francis.

Washington: Elder Henry Viers, Elder Martin Edwards, Elder Lester Barker, Elder M. C. Mills.

Mates Creek: Elders Fonso Justice, Elder Monroe Justice, Elder Bobby Mayhorn, Elder James Whittington.

Called for visitors:

Fishers River: Elder Edward Lawson, Elder Charlie Hall,

and wife, Elder Jessie Collins and wife, Elder Willie Branch, Deacon George White, Elder James Hill, Deacon Raymond Smith, Deacon Ollie Sisk, Deacon Sams and wife, Elder Coy Sykes, Sister Elbert Hunter.

St. Clairs Bottom: Brother W. M. Puckett and wife, Sister Ellen Osborne, Brother W. B. Johnson and wife, Brother Jerry Fisher.

Roaring River: Sister Clarence Hall.

Washington:

Mates Creek: Sister Susie Runyon, Brother Bradley Hagger, Deacon Will V. Runyon, Brother Loyd Hoskins.

Corresponding and visiting brethren were welcomed and seated by move, second and vote.

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator:

Committee on Finance: Deacon Russell Martin, Deacon Robe Joyce, Deacon Vester Perdy.

Preaching Committee: Deacon Guy Priddy, Deacon A. J. Burnett, Deacon Sam Mills.

Committee on Arrangements: Deacon Moir Flippin, Deacon James Tudor, Deacon Roy Hall.

After preaching by Elder Raleigh Joines and Elder James Whitting, the Association adjourned until Saturday morning at 9:30 a.m. Dismissed at stand Elder Lester Barker. Dismissed by Elder Fonso Justice.

JOEL SIMMONS, Moderator
S. O. SHELTON, Clerk

SATURDAY MORNING—May 8, 1965

Called names of messengers and marked those absent. The Association opened with song and prayer by Elder M. C. Miller from Washington Association. The business of the day was taken up.

Called for correspondence and visitors that were not present on Friday and added their names to Friday's list, and gave a right hand of fellowship.

Called for correspondence to sister associations. Reports were received by motion, second and vote, and brethren excused that did not attend.

Appointments were made to sister associations as follows:

Fishers River: Elder Johnnie Duggins, Walter Hodge, Robe Joyce, Harry Bowman, Joel Simmons, S. O. Shelton.

St. Clairs Bottom: Elder Johnnie Duggins, Walter Hodge, Guy Priddy, Joel Simmons, S. O. Shelton.

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Roaring River: Walter Hodge, Joel Simmons, Roy Hall, Harry Bowman, S. O. Shelton.

Mates Creek: Elder Johnnie Duggins, Joel Simmons, James Sturgill, S. O. Shelton.

Resolved that we return thanks first to God for His mercies and thanks to our brethren and sisters and friends for so lovingly and tenderly caring for us in this session.

On motion we adjourn with prayer by Elder Elbert Hunter of the Fishers River Primtive Baptist Association.

JOEL SIMMONS, Moderator
S. O. SHELTON, Clerk

Report on Committee on Arrangements:

We recommend that the next association go to Fairview Church near Oak Ridge, Hiway 68; also 65 E. from Kernersville, N. C. We recommend to have 1,000 copies of our minutes printed and mailed to each of our corresponding associations and to each of our churches.

We recommend to have the Circular Letter written by Elder Weldon Joyce printed in our minutes. We recommend to have the Covenant, Articles of Faith, Rules of Decorum and Constitution printed in our minutes. We recommend that the Circular Letter for next year be written by Brother Fred Slate.

We the Committee on Arrangements recommend to the Association to drop Locust Grove Church from our Union because of disorder, namely for preaching ministers that we are not in correspondence with.

We recommend to give our Moderator $20.00.

We recommend to give our Clerk $20.00.

Report received and brethren excused.

Report of Finance Committee:

Received from churches	$148.00	
Received from friends	23.00	
Balance in hands of Clerk	46.58	$217.58
Gave visiting ministers	$ 60.00	
Gave Moderator	20.00	
Gave Clerk	20.00	
Minutes and postage	65.00	
Balance in hands of Clerk	52.58	$217.58

Report received and brethren excused.

PREACHING SERVICE

FRIDAY—Elder Edward Lawson, introduced, Fishers River. Elder Joel Simmons, introductory sermon, Moderator Piney Grove Association. Elder James Hill, Fishers River Association. Elder Martin Edwards introduced service, from Washington Association. Elder Raleigh Joines, Roaring River Association. Elder James Whittington. Elder Fonso Justice dismissed, Mates Creek Association.

SATURDAY—Elder Lester Barker, Washington Association. Elder Monroe Justice, Mates Creek Association. Elder Fonso Justice, Mates Creek Association, Elder Bobby Mayhorn, Mate Creek. Elder Charlie Hall, Roaring River Association. Elder Coy Sykes, dismissed.

SUNDAY—Elder Lester Barker introduced services, Washington Association. Elder Henry Viers, no special text, Washington Association. Elder M. C. Miller, no special text, Washington Association. Elder Jesse Williams, no special text, Fishers River Association. Elder Weldon Joyce, no special text, Piney Grove Association. Elder Martin Edwards, Washington Association. Elder Joel Simmons dismissed.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Brethren,—As I was appointed to write the Circular Letter, I trust that God might lead my mind and guide my hand that I may be enabled to write something that would benefit the believers in Christ.

The subject that impresses my mind most is found in the letter the apostle Paul wrote to the Hebrew brethren in the 13th chapter, first verse. (Let brotherly love continue.)

I am confident he was writing to people that had love for each other. 1 John 4:7. Beloved let us love one another for love is of God and every one that loveth is born of God and knoweth God. Therefore, if we have been taught by the great I Am that said I will put My law in their inward parts and write it in their hearts, then let us esteem one another better than ourselves, leaving off backbiting, envy, strife and heresies. These things hinder brotherly love. Be ye kind one to another, and let brotherly love continue.

A brother in hope, —J. Weldon Joyce

To the Piney Grove Primitive Baptist Association when convened, Friday and Saturday before the second Sunday in May 1965.

We, the Original Mates Creek Association, send Christian greetings

to you by letters and messengers to visit, Elders Fonso Justice, Monroe Justice, Robert Mayhorn, Elder James Whittington, Lloyd Hoskins and Deacon Will V. Runyon, hoping you will receive this letter and seat our messengers.

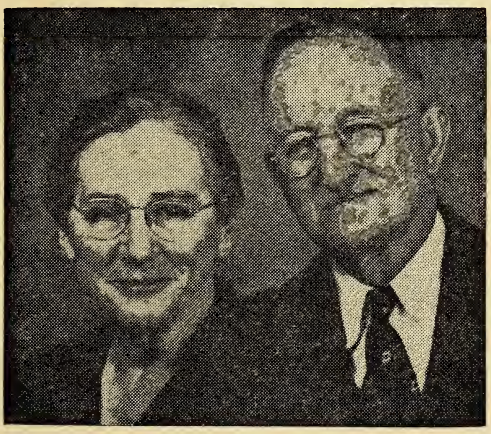
Dear Brethren, we are willing to make our apologies to you and to whomsoever is concerned for our staying with the disorder as long as we did. We wish to inform you that we have withdrawn from the disorder faction. Dear brethren, we wish to have the godly and brotherly fellowship and Christian correspondence of the Piney Grove Association. We have four churches at this time: Little Hope, Big Creek, Raccoon and Pontiac and they are all in peace and getting along good at this time. We pray God that you will find a place in your association to seat us for we feel to be the neediest creatures as ever were born here on earth.

Dear Brethren in the Lord, we are a little band of people in number trying to follow the Lord and contend for the paths of righteousness, the doctrine, practice, discipline and ordinances of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We invite any and all of you to visit us and our churches at any time.

Done and signed by the order of the association.

—Fonso Justice, Moderator; William R. Blackburn, Clerk



A MEMORIAL TRIBUTE

Andrew M. (Coney) Flippin was born Jan. 14, 1879; departed this life July 20, 1963. He joined the Church at State Line in 1909. He was ordained deacon in 1910, serving faithfully until death. He was married to Mary Lilla Collins in 1902. To this union were born seven sons: Russell, Noel, Moir, Lewis, Hassell, Gilmer, and Sanders. Three daughters: Mrs. Lelia Stone, Mrs. Ruth Rogers, and Mrs. Ruby Worley. Let us say to Sister Flippin and the children, Don't weep for him; we feel that he is now resting from his labors, and his good name and works are following after him. Asleep, blessed sleep, where the righteous never wake to weep. But some day the dear Lord will call for his sleeping body to rise in the dear Savior's likeness, where there will be no more death or no more parting. Now may we say the Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away, blessed be

the name of the Lord. Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth. Yea saith the Spirit. They may rest from their labors and their works do follow them.

Funeral services were held at State Line Primitive Baptist Church on July 22, 1963 by Elder Joel Simmons, Elder Weldon Joyce and Elder Elbert Hunter.

COVENANT

We do now in the presence of Almighty God, and in the faith of the gospel, and by the help of divine grace, unreservedly and unitedly give up ourselves to God the Father and His Son Jesus Christ, and to the Holy Ghost, to be for Him and no other; freely submitting ourselves to Him, to be at His disposal for His glory taking Him as our true guide and only portion, promising by the help of divine grace to watch against sin, temptation, and corruption; and to hold a continual warfare with the same, looking to Christ who is the Author and Finisher of our faith, and the only hope and surety of His people.

Under His covenant of grace, we do now freely and joyfully give ourselves to one another by the will of God, freely covenanting and engaging to and with each other, to bear one another's burdens in the gospel and so fulfill the law of Christ unto obedience, promising to watch over one another in love and to hold communion together in the ordinances of the gospel, submitting ourselves in this, which we trust a part of His mystical body, according as we shall be directed by His Spirit in His word; and by the help of divine grace to still pray for more light from the Lord believing that He will further and more gloriously open to us His word and the mysteries of His kingdom, and to our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Savior, to whom be glory forever and forever. Amen.

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The following Articles of Faith were read and adopted without a dissenting voice:

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2. Of the Holy Scriptures . . . We believe that the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the written word of God. And are a sufficient rule of faith and practice; that they are given by inspiration of God, and are profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, and for instruction in righteousness; and they contain all things necessary to be known for the salvation of men.

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Elder Manie Stephens, Lawsonville, N. C.; 593-2431
Elder Johnnie Duggins, Mayodan, N. C.; 548-2774
Elder Velt Pyrtle, Mayodan, N. C.
Elder Nelson Steward, Lexington, N. C.
Elder Edd Priddy, Danbury, N. C.; 593-2168
Elder Sam Adkins, Madison, N. C.; 548-4002
Elder Harry Bowman, Rt. 1, Westfield, N. C.; 351-2532
Elder Weldon Joyce, Rt. 3, Stuart, Va.; 351-2505
Elder Ray Flinchum, Danbury, N. C.; 593-2297
Brother Walter Hodge, Martinsville, Va.; R-4-638-5018
Brother Weldon Mabe, Danbury, N. C.; 593-2399
Brother Glenn Cox, King, N. C.
Brother Fred Slate, Collinsville, Va.
Brother Dewey Mabe, Lawsonville, N. C.; 593-2449

CHURCHES AND THEIR PASTORS

Stateline—Elder Joel A. Simmons
Fair View—Elder M. H. Vaden, Elder M. O. Stevens
Shiloh—Elder Velt Pyrtle and Elder Johnnie Duggins
Pleasant View Elder Sam Adkins
Buffalo—Elder Charlie Joyce, Elder Coy Sykes
Piney Grove—Elders M. H. Vaden and Mannie Stevens
Cedar Grove—Elder Sam Adkins, Velt Pyrtle
Red Banks—Elder Joel A. Simmons, Elder Harry Bowman
Pleasant Ridge—Elder Weldon Joyce

ASSOCIATION MAILING LIST

Fishers River: Curtis Harbour, Rt. 2, Dobson, N. C. 100
St. Clairs Bottom: Quentin P. Dancy, Chilhowie, Va. 50
Roaring River: John D. Hall, 278 South St., Elkin, N. C. 100
Washington: Brother Carlis Jackson, Mavisdale, Va. 100
Mates Creek: Wm. R. Blackburn, c/o Fonso Justice, Sidney, Ky. .. 50

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	NAMES OF CHURCH MESSENGERS	Annual or Com.	Sun. of Meeting	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Rec'd by Relation	Restored to Fel.	Dis'd by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Tot. Membership	Contributions
Stateline	Moir Flippin, John Conway, Lewis Flippin, Benton Joyce, alt.	July	3	....	....	1	....	....	4	4	121	$25.00
Shiloh	C. R. Kendrick, Hester Brame, Vester Purdy, Ernest Fowler, alt.	May	4	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	37	15.00
Pleasant View	Cyde Priddy, Guy Priddy, N. A. Alleys, Coy Mabe, alt.	Oct.	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	4	45	15.00
Pleasant Ridge	Sam Mills, Druie Mabe, Walter Hodge, Fred Slate, alt.	Sept.	4	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	14	13.00
Piney Grove	Bickett Shelton, A. J. Bennett, Roy Hall, Glen Cox, alt.	July	1	....	....	....	....	....	2	2	123	20.00
Red Bank	Russell Martin, Willie Goin, James Sturgill, Eld. Thaxter Gammans, alt.	Aug.	4	....	....	6	....	....	....	....	52	16.00
Buffalo	James Tudor, Willie Shelton, Bernice Joyce, Bro. Roy Stephens, alt.	May	1	....	....	....	....	1	1	....	31	18.50
Cedar Grove	Johnnie Duggins, Robert Joyce, Grover Shelton, Geo. Martin, alt.	May	3	1	1	....	....	....	....	1	54	15.00
Fair View	Sisters Murphy Rierson, Minnie Holt, Laura Holt, Eld. N. Stewart, alt.	June	3	....	....	....	....	....	2	....	9	10.00

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Annual Session

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Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Fair View Church

GUILFORD COUNTY, N. C.

MAY 6, 7, 8,

1966

Next session convenes with Piney Grove Church, located near intersection of Highway 89 and Piney Grove Rd., 6 miles E. of Francisco, N. C., or 6 miles W. from Danbury, N. C., on Friday before the 2nd Sunday in May, 1967.

11:00 a. m.

OFFICERS

ELDER JOEL A. SIMMONS ..... Moderator
Rt. 2, Westfield, N. C. 27053

S. O. SHELTON - Clerk, Rt. 2, Westfield, N. C. 27053

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OF THE NINTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE
PINEY GROVE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,
HELD WITH FAIRVIEW CHURCH, MAY 6, 7, 8, 1966.

FRIDAY—May 6, 1966

The association met according to last year's appointment and opened with song and prayer by Elder Coy Sykes from Fishers River Association. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder Joel A. Simmons, Moderator, followed by Elder Charlie Hall from Fishers River Primitive Baptist Association.

After intermission of about one hour. the messengers assembled in the house and were called to order for business by Elder Joel Simmons.

Elder Elbert Hunter from Fishers River Association introduced service for the association.

The letters from the different churches were called for, read and their messengers seated.

Elder Joel Simmons was elected Moderator and S. O. Shelton was elected Clerk.

Called for petitionary letters from churches: None.

Called for petitionary letters from associations: None.

Called for correspondence from sister associations and they came forward as follows.

Fishers River: Elder Coy Sykes, Elder Charlie Hall, Deacon Gregory White, Deacon Ollie Sisk.

St. Clairs Bottom: Elder F. O. Sanders, Brother Quinton Dancy.

Roaring River: Elder Eddie Lyle, Brother Carl Francis, Brother Clarence Hall.

Washington: Elder Martin Edwards, Elder Lester Baker, Elder Victor Church.

Mates Creek: Elder Fonso Justice, Elder Ostel Smith, Elder Robert Mayhorn, Edward L. Meyer, Jr.

Called for visitors:

Fishers River: Elder Elbert Hunter, Sister Charlie Hall, Deacon L. Love, Deacon Glenn Hunter, Deacon E. H. Taylor, Brother S. M. Southern and wife, Deacon Howard Hill, Deacon

Raymond Corn and wife, Deacon J. H. Keaton, Elder Willie Branch and wife, Sister Etta Dameron, Brother Arnold Fulk, J. M. Simpson and wife, Sister J. H. Keaton, Sisters Jack Joyce, Laurence Love, Glenn Hunter.

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Washington: Elder Joe Slone, Jr., Brother Grady Sykes, Deacon Carlos Jackson.

Mates Creek: Brother Arnold Childress and wife, Sister Dixie and Wanda Smith, Deacon Lloyd Hoskins and wife, Sister Robert Mayhon, Sister E. L. Meyer.

Correspondence and visiting brethren were welcomed and seated by move, second and vote.

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator:

Committee on Finance: Deacon Hester Brame, Elder Nelson Stewart, Brother Fred Slate.

Preaching Committee: Brother Bernice Joyce, Deacon N. A. Alley, Deacon Russell Martin.

Committee on Arrangements: Brother Lewis Flippin, Elder Johnnie Duggins, Deacon A. J. Bennett.

Association dismissed by Elder Fonso Justice.

After preaching by Elder Victor Church and Elder Willie Branch, Elder D. O. Gibbins, the association adjourned until Saturday morning at 9:30 a. m. Dismissed by Elder F. O. Sanders at stand.

JOEL A. SIMMONS, Moderator
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SATURDAY MORNING—May 7, 1966

Called names of messengers and marked those absent. The association opened with song and prayer by Elder Martin Edwards from Washington Association. The business of the day was taken up.

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On motion we adjourn with prayer by Elder Ostil Smith from Mates Creek Primitive Baptist Association.

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Report of Finance Committee:

Received from churches	$152.50	
Balance in Clerk's hands	52.58	
Received from friends	1.50	$206.58
Gave visiting ministers	$ 49.00	
Gave Moderator	20.00	
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Balance in hands of Clerk	42.89	

Report received and brethren excused when work is completed.

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Elder Nelson Stewart, Lexington, N. C.
Elder Edd Priddy, Danbury, N. C.; 593-2168
Elder Sam Adkins, Madison, N. C.; 548-4002
Elder Harry Bowman, Rt. 1, Westfield, N. C.; 351-2532
Elder Weldon Joyce, Rt. 3, Stuart, Va.; 351-2505
Elder Ray Flinchum, Danbury, N. C.; 593-2297
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Brother Weldon Mabe, Danbury, N. C.; 593-2399
Brother Glenn Cox, King, N. C.
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Brother Dewey Mabe, Lawsonville, N. C.; 593-2449
Brother Bernice Joyce, Rt. 1, Box 141, Mayodan, N. C.; Ph. 548-5195

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Stateline—Elder Joel A. Simmons
Fair View—Elder M. H. Vaden, Elder M. O. Stevens
Shiloh—Elder Velt Pyrtle and Elder Johnnie Duggins
Pleasant View Elder Sam Adkins
Buffalo—Elder Charlie Joyce, Elder Coy Sykes
Piney Grove—Elders M. H. Vaden and Mannie Stevens
Cedar Grove—Elder Sam Adkins, Velt Pyrtle
Red Bank—Elder Joel A. Simmons, Elder Harry Bowman
Pleasant Ridge—Jesse Williams, Winston-Salem, N. C.

ASSOCIATION MAILING LIST

Fishers River: Curtis Harbour, Rt. 2, Dobson, N. C. 100
St. Clairs Bottom: Quentin P. Dancy, Chilhowie, Va. 50
Roaring River: John D. Hall, 278 South St., Elkin, N. C. 100
Washington: Brother Carlus Jackson, Mavisdale, Va. 100
Mates Creek: Wm. R. Blackburn, c/o Fonso Justice, Sidney, Ky. .. 50

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	NAMES OF CHURCH MESSENGERS	Annual or Com.	Sun. of Meeting	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Restored to Fel.	Dis'd by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Tot. Membership	Contribution
Pleasant View	N. A. Alley, Junior Alley, Junior Hall, Noah Reid, alt.	Oct.	2	....	....	....	....	....	1	44	$15.00
Piney Grove	W. M. Nelson, Coy Rierson, A. J. Bennett, Roy Hall, alt.	July	1	2	....	....	1	2	5	118	20.00
Cedar Grove	Johnnie Duggins, Willie Hutchens, Robt. Joyce, Geo. Martin, alt.	May	3	....	1	....	....	....	2	53	15.00
Fair View	Nelson Stuart, Murphy Rierson, Laura Holt, Louise Lewis, alt.	June	3	1	....	2	....	....	....	11	10.00
Red Bank	Russel Martin, T. Gammons, C. Bondurant, Jas. Sturgill, alt.	Aug.	4	....	....	....	....	....	1	51	15.00
Stateline	Moir Flippin, Geo. Flippin, Lewis Flippin, Benton Joyce, alt.	July	3	....	....	....	....	1	1	119	25.00
Pleasant Ridge	Fred Slate, Walter Hodge, Jessie Williams, Sam Mills, alt.	Sept.	4	....	2	....	....	....	....	15	14.00
Shiloh	Charlie Kendrick, Hester Brame, V. Purdy, Snead Joyce, alt.	May	4	....	....	....	....	....	....	37	15.00
Buffalo	James Tudor, Willie Shelton, Bernice Joyce, Roy Stevens, alt.	May	1	1	....	....	....	....	1	31	23.50

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Minutes

OF THE

Tenth

Annual Session

OF THE

Piney Grove
Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Piney Grove Church

STOKES COUNTY, DANBURY, N. C.

MAY 12, 13, 14,

1967

Next session convenes with State Line Church, located off 89 Highway, 5 miles east of Westfield, N. C. (Stokes County), Friday before the second Sunday in May, 1968.

OFFICERS

JOEL SIMMONS - Moderator, Rt. 2, Westfield, N. C.

S. O. SHELTON - Clerk ..... Rt. 2, Westfield, N. C.

Primitive Publications, Rt. 2, Elon College, N. C. 27244

Minutes

OF THE TENTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE PINEY GROVE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, HELD WITH PINEY GROVE CHURCH, MAY 12, 13, 14, 1967.

FRIDAY—May 12, 1967

The Association met according to last year's appointment and opened with song and prayer by Elder Bobby Mayhorn from Mates Creek Primtive Baptist Association. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Joel Simmons, Moderator and followed by Elder Johnnie Duggins from Cedar Grove Church.

After intermission of about one hour the messengers assembled in the house and were called to order for business by Elder Joel Simmons, Moderator. Elder Fonso Justice from Mates Creek Primitive Baptist Association introduced service for the association.

The letters from the different churches were called for, read and their messengers seated.

Elder Joel Simmons was elected Moderator and S. O. Shelton was elected Clerk.

Called for petitionary letters from churches. None.

Called for petitionary letters from associations. None.

Called for correspondence from sister associations and they came forward as follows:

Fisher's River: Deacon Howard Hill, Elder Elbert Hunter, Deacon T. M. Simpson, Deacon J. H. Keaton, Deacon Raymond Coins.

Roaring River: Deacon Clarence Hall.

Washington: Elder Lester Barker, Elder Martin Edwards.

Mates Creek: Elder Fonso Justice, Elder Bobby Mayhorn, Elder James Whittington, Deacon Jesse Hagger.

Called for visitors:

Fisher's River: Elder Coy Sykes, Deacon E. H. Taylor and wife, Deacon Vestal Jones and wife, Sister Howard Hill, Elder D. O. Gibbins, Sister Raymond Coins, Elder Coy Hawks and wife, Brother Lester Fortner and wife, Deacon Brady Pilson and wife, Elder Jule Marion, Deacon L. L. Love and wife, Brother Dee Sands and wife, Brother Ellis Jones and wife,

Deacon Glenn Hunter and wife, Sister Maggie Jackson and many others.

Washington: Elder Victor Church, Deacon W. B. Church, Elder Herman Proffit.

Mates Creek: Deacon Lloyd Hoskins and wife, Brother William Johnson and wife, Deacon James Bowman, Sister Fonso Justice, Brother James Hagger.

Correspondence and visiting brethren were welcomed and seated by move, second and vote.

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator.

Committee on Finance: Elder Nelson Stewart, Deacon Vestal Purdy, Brother Drew Mabe.

Preaching Committee: Elder Harry Bowman, Elder Johnnie Duggins, Deacon James Tudor.

Committee on Arrangement: Deacon Guy Priddy, Deacon Moir Flippin, Deacon A. J. Bennett, with Moderator and Clerk of the Association.

Association dismissed by Elder Elbert Hunter from Fisher's River Primitive Baptist Association, after preaching by Elder James Whittington from Mates Creek Association and Elder Coy Sykes from Fisher's River Association. The Association adjourned until Saturday morning 10:00 a.m. Elder Velt Pyrtle put up preachers at the stand. Elder Victor Church dismissed.

ELDER JOEL SIMMMONS, Moderator
S. O. SHELTON, Clerk

SATURDAY MORNING—May 13, 1967

Called names of messengers and marked those absent. The Association opened with song and prayer by Elder James Whittington from Mates Creek Association. The business of the day was taken up.

Called for correspondence and visitors that were not present on Friday and added names to Friday's list, and gave a right hand of fellowship. Elder Lester Barker and Elder Fonso Justice were assigned to preach at the stand. Elder Velt Pyrtle to put up preachers at the stand.

Called for correspondence to sister associations. Reports were

received by motion, second and vote and brethren excused that did not attend.

Appointments were made to sister associations as follows:

Fishers River: Elders Charlie Hall, Harry Bowman, Joel Simmons, Ray Flinchum, Johnnie Duggins, Brother Fred Slate, Deacon S. O. Shelton.

Washington: Deacons Guy Priddy, S. O. Shelton, Elders Charlie Hall, Johnnie Duggins, Joel Simmons, Jesse Williams.

Roaring River: Brother Fred Slate, Elder Harry Bowman, Deacon Guy Priddy, Elder Joel Simmons, Elder Jesse Williams, Deacon S. O. Shelton.

Mates Creek. Elder Johnnie Duggins, Deacon S. O. Shelton, Elder Jesse Williams.

Resolved that we return thanks to God for His mercies and thanks to our brethren and sisters and friends for so lovingly and tenderly caring for us in this session.

On motion we adjourn with prayer and song by Elder Martin Edwards from Washington Association.

JOEL SIMMONS, Moderator
S. O. SHELTON, Clerk

Report of Committee on Arrangements:

We recommend that the next association go to State Line Church, located in Stokes County, off 89 Highway about 5 miles east of Westfield, N. C.

We recommend to have 1,000 copies of our minutes printed and mailed to each of our corresponding associations and to each of our churches.

We recommend to have the Covenant, Articles of Faith, Rules of Decorum and Constitution printed in our minutes.

We recommend that the Circular Letter for next year be written by Deacon Guy Priddy.

We recommend to give our Moderator $20.00.

We recommend to give our Clerk $20.00.

Report received and brethren excused by move, second and vote.

Report of Finance Committee:		
Received from churches	$147.50	
Received from friends	18.00	
Balance in hands of Clerk	33.89	$199.39
Gave visiting ministers	$45.00	
Gave Moderator	20.00	
Gave Clerk	20.00	
Minutes and postage	75.00	
Balance in hands of Clerk	39.39	$199.39

Report received and brethren excused.

PREACHING SERVICE AND ORDER OF PREACHING

FRIDAY, MAY 12, 1967: Introduction with song and prayer by Elder Bobby Mayhorn from Mates Creek Primitive Baptist Association. Introductory sermon by Elder Joel Simmons, followed by Elder Johnny Duggins. Elder Fonso Justice introduced service for association. Elder Coy Sykes at stand, failed to get text. Elder James Whittington at stand, failed to get text. Dismissed by Elder Victor Church.

SATURDAY, MAY 13, 1967: Elder James Whittington introduced service. Elder Lester Barker at stand, failed to get text. Elder Fonso Justice, no special text. Elder Bobby Mayhorn, text, "It is finished." Elder Elbert Hunter, text "By the grace of God I am what I am." Elder Charlie Joyce, no special text. Elder Martin Edwards, dismissed.

SUNDAY, MAY 14, 1967: Elder Jesse Williams introduced service with song and prayer. Elder Martin Edwards, text St. John 10:11, "I am the good Shepherd." Elder Fonso Justice, text "Preach the Word." Elder H. W. Proffit, no special text. Elder W. C. Collins, no special text. Elder Bobby Mayhorn, text, In the beginning was God. Elder James Whittington, dismissed.

OBITUARY

ELDER SAM ADKINS

Elder Sam Adkins was called from this life on October 19, 1966 and is resting from his labors asleep, the blessed sleep, where the righteous never wake to weep. Brother Adkins was blessed to travel in many parts of God's moral vineyard and where he went God wonderfully blessed him to preach what was comforting to his people. The stillness of death gives a feeling of sadness, and pains of bereavement, because of earthly separation, but let us offer a joyous thanks for the privilege of sharing life's blessings with our beloved dear brother and friends, his memory never dies.

Tributes to his life and ministry were paid at Cedar Grove Primitive Baptist church by his family, brethren and friends. May our loss be his eternal gain.

Written by Elder Johnnie L. Duggins.

NAMES OF MINISTERS, ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NOS.

Elder Charlie Hall, Winston Salem, N. C.
Elder Thaxter Gammons, Stuart, Va.
Elder Joel Simmons, Westfield, N. C.; 593-2152
Elder Grover Goins, Martinsville, Va.; 85697
Elder M. H. Vaden, Westfield, N. C.; 351-2426
Elder Manie Stephens, Lawsonville, N. C.; 593-2431
Elder Johnnie Duggins, Mayodan, N. C.; 548-2774
Elder Velt Pyrtle, Mayodan, N. C.; Tel. 548-6694
Elder Nelson Stewart, Lexington, N. C.
Elder Harry Bowman, Rt. 1, Westfield, N. C.; 351-2532
Elder Weldon Joyce, Rt. 3, Stuart, Va.; 351-2505
Elder Ray Flinchum, Danbury, N. C.; 593-2297
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Brother Bernice Joyce, Rt. 1, Box 141, Mayodan, N. C.; Ph. 548-5195
Elder Jessie Williams, Winston-Salem, N. C.

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Shiloh—Elder Velt Pyrtle and Elder Johnnie Duggins
Pleasant View—Elder Charlie Hall
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Cedar Grove—Elder Velt Pyrtle
Red Bank—Elder Joel A. Simmons, Elder Harry Bowman
Pleasant Ridge—Jesse Williams, Winston-Salem, N. C.

ASSOCIATION MAILING LIST

Fisher's River: Carroll Gardner, Allison Tree Circle, Dobson, N. C. 100
Roaring River: John D. Hall, 278 South St., Elkin, N. C. 100
Washington: Brother Carlus Jackson, Mavisdale, Va. 150
Mates Creek: Wm. R. Blackburn, c/o Fonso Justice, Sidney, Ky... 50

COVENANT

We do now in the presence of Almighty God, and in the faith of the gospel, and by the help of divine grace, unreservedly and unitedly give up ourselves to God the Father and His Son Jesus Christ, and to the Holy Ghost, to be for Him and no other; freely submitting ourselves to Him, to be at His disposal for His glory taking Him as our true guide and only portion, promising by the help of divine grace to watch against sin, temptation, and corruption; and to hold a continual warfare with the same, looking to Christ who is the Author and Finisher of our faith, and the only hope and surety of His people.

Under His covenant of grace, we do now freely and joyfully give ourselves to one another by the will of God, freely covenanting and engaging to and with each other, to bear one another's burdens in the gospel and so fulfill the law of Christ unto obedience, promising to watch over one another in love and to hold communion together in the ordinances of the gospel, submitting ourselves in this, which we trust

a part of His mystical body, according as we shall be directed by His Spirit in His word; and by the help of divine grace to still pray for more light from the Lord believing that He will further and more gloriously open to us His word and the mysteries of His kingdom, and to our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Savior, to whom be glory forever and forever. Amen.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

The following Articles of Faith were read and adopted without a dissenting voice:

1. Of God and the Holy Family . . . We believe in one only true and living God, who rules all things after the counsel of His own will; and that he who created all things is infinite in power, wisdom, knowledge, and goodness; eternal, immortal, invisible and unchangeable; and this God has revealed Himself in His word, under the character of Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and that these three are one; and there are three that bear witness in earth; The water, the spirit and the blood, and that these agree in one.

2. Of the Holy Scriptures . . . We believe that the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the written word of God. And are a sufficient rule of faith and practice; that they are given by inspiration of God, and are profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, and for instruction in righteousness; and they contain all things necessary to be known for the salvation of men.

3. Of the Atonement . . . We believe that Christ died and made a complete atonement for all who ever did, does now or ever will believe on His name; and that all who are finally saved were given to Christ in Covenant of the Father before the world was, that they should show forth his praise.

4. Of Foreknowledge, Election and Predestination. We believe that (all) whom God did foreknow He did also predestinate to be conformed to the image of His son, that God elected, according to His foreknowledge through sanctification of the spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for all saints, and that none came to Christ, only those whom He loved with an everlasting love, and in due time calls to everlasting glory.

5. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

6. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by his own free will and ability.

7. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

8. We believe that God's elect will be called, converted, regenerated, and sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

9. We believe the saints shall be preserved in grace and never finally fall away.

10. We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only proper subjects of these ordinances, and that baptism is by immersion.

11. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment.

12. We believe that punishment of the wicked will be eternal, and the joys of the righteous everlasting.

13. We believe that no Minister has the right to administer the ordinances only to such as are regularly called and have come under the imposition of the hands of the presbytery.

14. We believe in Predestination, as taught in the scriptures and preached by the Apostle Paul and condemn the doctrine of the absolute predestination of all things.

CONSTITUTION AND RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our district duly sent in their associated capacity whom they judge best qualified; and by producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointments shall be entitled to seats. In letters from the different churches shall be expressed their number in fellowship, those received by experience and by letters and restored; those dismissed by letters, excluded and dead since the last report.

2. The number thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage.

3. The Association when convened shall be governed by a proper and regular Decorum.

4. The Association shall have a moderator and clerk, who shall be chosen at each session of the Association by the suffrages of the members present.

5. New churches may be admitted into the union upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly by the moderator, giving the members the right hand of fellowship.

6. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association not exceeding three.

7. Queries presented by a church or the committee of arrangements may be disposed of as the Association may think proper.

8. That the Association have a fund for defraying the expenses thereof and that the churches shall send by their messengers such sums of money as they may think proper for this purpose, which when received shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer chosen for that purpose, who shall keep an accurate account of all sums received and paid out under the direction of the Association.

9. The minutes shall be read and corrected if necessary and approved by the Association and signed by the moderator and clerk before dismission and recorded by the clerk in a suitable book for that purpose.

10. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

11. The Association shall have power:

1. To provide for the general union of the churches.

2. To preserve inviolate a chain of communion among the churches.

3. To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty.

4. To inquire the cause why such churches as fail to represent themselves in the Association.

5. To appoint any member or members by his or their consent to transact any business which may be assigned them.

6. To withdraw from any church violating the rules of the Association or from the orthodox principles of religion.

7. To admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry to seats if they think proper.

8. To appoint the time and place for the next Association, and adjourn.

9. There shall be a committee on arrangements consisting of the moderator and clerk and three other members chosen as the Association may deem best.

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State Line— Eld. Joel Simmons ..	S. O. Shelton, Rt. 2, Westfield, N. C.	Benton Joyce, Lester Owens, Moir Flippin, Lewis Flippin, alt. ...	July	3	....	....	....	....	....	6	113	$20.00
Fair View— M. H. Vaden, M. O. Stevens	Murphy Rierson	Nelson Stewart, Murphy Rierson, Minnie Holt, Elija Stuart, alt.	June	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	11	10.00
Pleasant View— Charlie Hall	J. B. Young, Sr., Rt. 1, Danbury, N. C.	Guy Priddy, J. B. Young, Sr., Clyde Priddy, Charlie Hall, alt. ...	Oct.	2	....	3	....	....	1	....	47	15.00
Cedar Grove— Velt Pyrtle	Johnnie Duggins, Rt. 1, Mayodan, N. C.	Johnnie Duggins, Willie Hutchins, Robert Joyce, H. Dunlap, alt.	May	3	....	....	....	....	....	1	53	20.00
Piney Grove— M. H. Vaden, M. O. Stevens	W. M. Nelson, Rt. 1, Danbury, N. C.	Weldon Mabe, W. M. Nelson, A. J. Bennett, Roy Hall, alt.	July	1	4	....	....	....	1	6	117	15.00
Shiloh— Johnnie Ruggins, Velt Pyrtle	Nellie Hamlett	Snead Joyce, Vestal Purdy, Hester Brame, Charlie Kendrick, alt.	Ma	4	....	....	....	....	....	2	35	15.00
Pleasant Ridge— Jessie Williams	Fred Slate, Collinsville, Va.	Fred Slate, Walter Hodge, Drew Mabe, Jessie Williams	Sep.	4	....	....	....	....	....	2	13	14.00
Red Bank— Joel Simmons, Harry Bowman	Minnie Sturgill, Bassett, Va.	Russell Martin, Harry Bowman, Carson Bondurant, Thaxter Gammons	Aug.	4	11	....	....	....	....	3	59	20.00
Buffalo— Coy Sykes, Charlie Joyce	Joe A. Joyce, Madison, N. C.	Willie Shelton, James Tudor, Bernice Joyce, Joe Joyce, alt.	May	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	31	18.50

Minutes

OF THE

Eleventh

Annual Session

OF THE

Piney Grove

Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

State Line Church

STOKES COUNTY, WESTFIELD, N. C.

MAY 10, 11, 12,

1968

Next session convenes with Pleasant View Church, located off Highway 89, two miles north Danbury on Pleasant View Church Road (Stokes County) Friday before the second Sunday in May, 1969.

OFFICERS

WELDON JOYCE - Moderator, Rt. 3, Stuart, Virginia
JOHNNIE DUGGINS - Clerk, Rt. 1, Mayodan, N. C.

Primitive Publications, Rt. 2, Elon College, N. C. 27244

Minutes

OF THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE PINEY GROVE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, HELD WITH STATE LINE CHURCH, MAY 10, 11, 12, 1968.

FRIDAY—MAY 10, 1968

The Association met according to last years appointment and opened by song and prayer by Elder Henry Viers from the Washington Association. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Joel Simmons, and followed by Elder Weldon Joyce. After intermission of about one hour the messengers assembled in the house and were called to order for business by Elder Joel Simmons, Moderator. Elder M. O. Stevens introduced for the association.

The letters from the different churches were called for, read and their messengers seated.

Elder Weldon Joyce was elected Moderator, and Elder Johnnie Duggins was elected Clerk.

Called for petitionary letters from churches. None.

Called for petitionary letters from associations. None.

Called for correspondence from sister associations and they came forward as follows:

Fishers River: Deacon Brady Pilson, Elder Elbert Hunter.

Roaring River: None.

Washington Association: Elder Franklin Viers, Elder Henry Viers, Elder W. A. McGlothin.

Mates Creek: Elder Fonzo Justice, Elder Edward Meyer, Elder Monroe Justice, Brother Arnold Childress.

Washington District Association: Elder Lester Barker, Deacon Quentin Dancey, Brother Leonard Street.

St. Clair Bottom: Elder Eugene Blevins, Elder M. K. Cook, Brother Grady Sykes, Brother Jerry Fisher.

Called for visitors:

Fisher River: Deacon S. M. Southard.

Roaring River: None.

Washington Association: Elder Roy Reese, Brother Shelby Anderson, Sister Helen Breeding, Brother K. Owens.

Mates Creek: Deacon Jesse Hager, Sister Virginia Meyer, Sister Mae Breeding, Sister Roxiane Childress.

St. Clair Bottoms: Brother and Sisters Will Puckett,

Sister Bell Johnson, Sister May Fisher, Brother Henry Puckett.

Independent Churches:

Wilson: Deacon Howard Sisk, Deacon Milliard Shelton, Elder Lin Wilkins, Elder Charlie Joyce.

Oak Grove: Elder Eugene Ashburn.

Correspondence and visiting brethren were welcomed by move and second, at which time Elder Lester Barker, Deacon Quentin Dancey, Brother Leonard Street stated they could not seat with the other Washington Association, and each asked to withdraw his offer to seat. Motion was made by Elder C. D. Hall and seconded by Deacon Guy Priddy to grant their request. Vote was taken in agreement to this. Their offer to withdraw was accepted, and granted. Move was then made by Elder Charlie Hall and seconded by deacon Robert Joyce to welcome and seat correspondence and visiting brothers and sisters, this was carried by vote, and right hand of fellowship was given.

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator after move by Elder C. D. Hall, and second by Deacon Guy Priddy that he do so.

Committee on Finance: Deacon Vestal Purdy, Deacon Bill Shelton, Deacon S. O. Shelton.

Committee on Preaching: Deacon Robert Joyce, Deacon Moir Flippin, Brother Sam Holt, Brother Bernice Joyce.

Committee on Arrangements: Deacon N. Alley, Deacon Roy Hall, Deacon James Tudor with Moderator and Clerk of the Association.

Motion was made by Deacon Guy Priddy and seconded by Elder C. D. Hall to accept above committees. Vote was unanimous.

Move by Deacon Guy Priddy and seconded by Elder C. D. Hall to read minutes of the day and adjourn.

The minutes were read, and move was made by Elder Jesse Williams and seconded by Deacon Roy Hall to accept this work and vote was unanimous.

Association dismissed by Elder Jesse Williams, after preaching by Elder Franklin Viers from Washington Association, and Brother Arnold Childress from Mates Creek,

the Association adjourned until Saturday morning at 10:00 a. m. Elder Monroe Justice dismissed.

ELDER WELDON JOYCE, Moderator
ELDER JOHNNIE DUGGINS, Clerk

SATURDAY MORNING—MAY 11, 1968

The Association opened with song and prayer by Elder M. K. Cook, St. Clair Bottoms Association. Called names of the messengers and marked those absent. The business of the day was taken up.

Called for correspondence and visitors that were not present on Friday and added names to Friday's list. Gave right hand of fellowship. Elder Monroe Justice and Elder Eugene Blevins were assigned to preach at stand. Elder Velt Pyrtle to put up preachers at stand.

Called for correspondence to sister associations. Reports were received by motion, second and vote and brethren excused that did not attend.

Appointments were made to sister associations as follows:

Fishers River: Deacon S. O. Shelton, Elder Johnnie Duggins, Elder Weldon Joyce, Elder Joel Simmons, Elder Harry Bowman, Deacon Guy Priddy.

Washington: Elder Johnnie Duggins, Elder Weldon Joyce, Elder Jesse Williams.

Roaring River: Elder Johnnie Duggins, Deacon S. O. Shelton, Elder Joel Simmons, Elder Weldon Joyce, Elder Harry Bowman.

Mates Creek: Deacon Guy Priddy, Elder Johnnie Duggins, Elder Weldon Joyce, S. O. Shelton.

St. Clair Bottoms: Elder C. D. Hall, Deacon Guy Priddy, Elder Johnnie Duggins, Elder Weldon Joyce, Elder Jesse Williams.

Report of Committee on Arrangements:

We recommend that the next association go to Pleasant View Church near Danbury on Pleasant View Church road.

We recommend to have 1,000 copies of our minutes printed and mailed to each of our corresponding associations and to each of our churches.

We recommend to have the Covenant, Articles of Faith,

Rules of Decorum and Constitution printed in our minutes.

We recommend to have the Circular letter written by Deacon Guy Priddy read to Association, and printed in our Minutes.

We recommend that the Circular Letter for next year be written by Elder Velt Pyrtle.

We recommend We, the committee on arrangements, recommend to the association that we are willing to recognize any church or churches or associations, that our sister Associations recognize, and any that are found, upon our own examination, to be orthodox in doctrine and practice, without being called in question.

We recommend to give our Moderator $20.00. We recommend to give our Clerk $20.00.

Move by Elder C. D. Hall to receive the work of committee of arrangements, second by Deacon Robert Joyce, vote was unanimous in favor of receiving; not single vote against was made. Report received and brethren excused by move, second, vote. Move was made by Deacon Guy Priddy, second by Elder C. D. Hall to use Deacon S. O. Shelton on Finance Committee and to receive work of the Association and minutes. Vote was taken. Vote was unanimous in favor.

Resolved that we return thanks to God for His mercies and thanks to our brethren and sisters and friends for so loving and tenderly caring for us in this session. On motion by Deacon Roy Hall, second by Elder O. D. Hall, we adjourn with prayer and song by Elder Elbert Hunter.

WELDON JOYCE, Moderator
JOHNNIE DUGGINS, Clerk

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Received from churches	$166.00	
Received from friends	2.00	
Balance in hands of Clerk	39.39	$207.39
Gave visiting ministers	$ 65.00	
Printing of Minutes	75.39	
Balance in hands of Clerk	67.00	$207.39

PREACHING SERVICE AND ORDER OF PREACHING

FRIDAY: Introduction with song and prayer by Elder Henry Viers, Washington Association. Introductory sermon by Elder Joel Simmons, followed by Elder Weldon Joyce, Elder M. O. Stevens introduced for association, afterwards preaching by Elder Franklin Viers, Wash-

ington Association and Brother Arnold Childress, Mates Creek Association. Dismissed by Elder Monroe Justice.

SATURDAY: Elder M. K. Cook introduced service. Elder Monroe Justice, Elder Eugene Blevins, Elder Andrew McGlothin, Eld. Edward Meyer. Dismissed by Frank Viers.

SUNDAY: Elder Velt Pyrtle introduced with song and prayer, followed by Elder Roy Reese, Elder Fonso Justice, Elder Henry Viers, Elder Weldon Joyce. Dismissed by Elder Eddie Lyles.

CIRCULAR LETTER

To the Piney Grove Primitive Baptist Association:

As I was appointed last session to write a Circular Letter for this session, I have thought on many subjects to write and tried to beg God to direct my mind as I write. At the present time "Peace among our churches" seems to bear on my mind. A form of peace may be maintained by nations by force or fear, but this is not the kind of peace we need among our churches. The only kind of peace that will glorify God, meet His approval and be a real benefit to our churches, is that which comes from the heart under the influence of the Spirit. We cannot use force and maintain peace among our brethren. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God" said Jesus. It is like the spirit of the world to fight and devour one another. "Let brotherly love continue" is a rule that should never be forgotten. I fear that if all of us who are unworthy were cast out, there would be no church left. Without charity, which is brotherly love, all we do or say is in vain. When church members love each other and their church, it is not hard for them to stay in peace one with another. When a brother pushes his zeal so far as to destroy churches for a point of order, beware of him.

There are many things crooked that we cannot make straight. The best place to commence a reform is in self. Some would be great reformers, but alas they do all the work on others, and see no fault in themselves. Be sure you do not have a beam in your own eye when you try to pick the mote out of your brother's eye. Let us pray for peace and labor for peace in our churches and that we may be justified by faith and have peace with God in our conscience. If you see fit to print this letter you may do so; if not, cast it aside.

Yours in hope,

—D. Guy Priddy

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COVENANT

We do now in the presence of Almighty God, and in the faith of the gospel, and by the help of divine grace, unreservedly and unitedly give up ourselves to God the Father and His Son Jesus Christ, and to the Holy Ghost, to be for Him and no other; freely submitting ourselves to Him, to be at His disposal for His glory taking Him as our true guide and only portion, promising by the help of divine grace to watch against sin, temptation, and corruption; and to hold a continual warfare with the same, looking to Christ who is the Author and Finisher of our faith, and the only hope and surety of His people.

Under His covenant of grace, we do now freely and joyfully give ourselves to one another by the will of God, freely covenanting and engaging to and with each other, to bear one another's burdens in the gospel and so fulfill the law of Christ unto obedience, promising to watch over one another in love and to hold communion together in the ordinances of the gospel, submitting ourselves in this, which we trust a part of His mystical body, according as we shall be directed by His Spirit in His word; and by the help of divine grace to still pray for more light from the Lord believing that He will further and more gloriously open to us His word and the mysteries of His kingdom, and to our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Savior, to whom be glory forever and forever. Amen.

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Buffalo— Coy Sykes, Charlie Joyce	Joe A. Joyce, Madison, N. C.	James Tudor, Willie Shelton, Bernice Joyce, Benton Joyce, alt.	5	1	....	....	....	....	....	2	29	$23.00
Cedar Grove— Velt Pyrtle, Johnnie Duggins	Johnnie Duggins, Rt. 1, Mayodan, N. C.	Willie Hutchens, Robert Joyce, Johnnie Duggins, Velt Pyrtle, alt.	5	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	53	20.00
Fair View— M. H. Vaden, M. O. Stevens	Murphy Rierson	Sam Holt, Murphy Rierson, Laura Holt, Minnie Holt, alt.	6	3	....	....	....	2	....	....	9	10.00
Pleasant Ridge— Jessie Williams	Fred Slate, Collinsville, Va.	Drew Mabe, Jesse Williams, Fred Slate, Walter Hodge, alt.	9	4	....	....	....	....	....	....	13	13.00
Piney Grove— M. H. Vaden, M. O. Stevens	W. M. Nelson, Rt. 1, Danbury, N. C.	Roy Hall, Cannie Sands, Weldon Mabe, M. O. Stevens, alt.	7	1	....	....	....	....	....	3	114	25.00
Pleasant View— Charlie Hall	J. B. Young, Sr., Rt. 1, Danbury, N. C.	N. A. Alley, Guy Priddy, C. D. Hall, D. Alley, alt.	10	2	....	....	....	....	....	1	47	15.00
Red Bank— Joel Simmons, Harry Bowman	Minnie Sturgill, Bassett, Va.	Russell Martin, Harry Bowman, Paul Shelor, Carl Buge, alt.	8	4	10	....	....	....	2	4	65	20.00
Shiloh— Johnnie Duggins, Velt Pyrtle	Nellie Hamlett	Edd Fagg, Charlie Kendrick, Hester Brame, Vestal Purdy, alt.	5	4	....	....	....	....	....	....	35	15.00
State Line— Eld. Joel Simmons	S. O. Shelton, Rt. 2, Westfield, N. C.	Moir Flippin, S. O. Shelton, George Shelton, Benton Joyce, alt.	7	3	1	....	....	....	....	1	113	25.00

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OF THE

Twelfth
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OF THE

Piney Grove
Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Pleasant View Church

STOKES COUNTY, RT. 1, DANBURY, N. C.

MAY 9, 10, AND 11,

1969

Next session convenes with Pleasant Ridge Church, located on highway 58 about 15 miles east of Stuart, Va., Friday before the second Sunday in May, 1970.

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FRIDAY—May 9, 1969

The association met according to last year's appointment and opened by song and prayer by Elder John Calhoun from Piney Grove Church. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder Jesse Williams from Pleasant View Church. After intermission of about one hour the messengers assembled in the house for business. Elder Henry Viers from Washington Association introduced association service.

Elder Weldon Joyce then resigned as Moderator and Elder Johnnie Duggins resigned as Clerk. Resignations were accepted by move, second and vote.

By move, second and vote Elder C. D. Hall was chosen Moderator Pro Tem and Deacon S. O. Shelton was chosen Clerk Pro Tem.

The letters from the different churches were called for, read and their messengers seated.

Elder John Calhoun was elected Moderator and S. O. Shelton was elected Clerk.

Called for petitioary letters from associations. None.

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Fishers River: None.

St. Clair Bottom: Elder Eugene Blevins, Elder M. K. Cook. Deacon Vernie Heath and Brother Billy Johnson.

Mates Creek: Elder Fonso Justice, Elder Edward L. Myer, Jr., Elder Monroe Justice, Elder Johnnie Hatfield, Deacon William Johnson and Deacon Martin Thacker.

Washington: Elders Henry Viers, Andrew McGlothin, and Franklin Viers.

Called for visitors.

Fishers River: None.

Washington: Brother Kelly Edwards, Brother Jimmy Oquenn.

Mates Creek: Sister Virginia Meyer, Sister Dolly Johnson

and Lawrence Elswick and Willie B. Thacker.

St. Clair Bottom: Brother W. M. Pucket and wife, Brother Jerry Fisher and wife, Sister Bill Johnson, Sister Minnie and Gail Sturgell and others.

Correspondence and visiting brethren were welcomed and seated by right hand of fellowship and move, second and vote.

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator.

Committee on Finance: Deacon N. A. Alley, Deacon Andrew Bennett, Brother Fred Slate and Deacon Moir Flippin.

Preaching Committee: Brother Bickett Shelton, Brother J. B. Young Sr., Elder Grover Goins and Brother Benton Joyce.

Committee on Arrangements: Elder Drew Mabe, Brother Early Fagg, Deacon Moir Flippin, Brother Fred Slate, with Moderator and Clerk. Association dismissed by Elder Jesse Williams from Pleasant View Church after preaching by Elder Andrew McGlothin. The association adjourned until Saturday morning, 10:00 a. m. Elder Johnnie Hatfield dismissed.

ELDER JOHN CALHOUN, Moderator
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SATURDAY MORNING—May 10, 1969

Called names of messengers and marked those absent. The association opened with song and prayer by Elder Franklin Viers from the Washington Association.

The business of the day was taken up.

Called for correspondence and visitors that were not present on Friday and added names to Friday's list and gave right hand of fellowship.

Called for correspondence to sister associations.

Reports were received by move, second and vote and excused the brethren that did not attend.

Appointments were made to sister associations as follows:

St. Clair Bottom Association: Elder C. D. Hall, Elder

Jesse Williams, Elder Drew Mabe and Deacon S. O. Shelton.

Washington: Elder Jesse Williams, Brother Fred Slate, Elder Drew Mabe and Deacon S. O. Shelton.

Mates Creek Association: Brother Fred Slate, Elder Jesse Williams, Deacon S. O. Shelton and Elder John Calhoun. Report of Committee on Arrangements:

We recommend that the next association go to Pleasant Ridge Church, located on highway 58 about 15 miles east of Stuart, Va. about half-way between Martinsville, Va. and Stuart, Va. We recommend to have 500 copies of our minutes printed and mailed to each of our corresponding associations and to each of our churches.

We recommend to have the Covenant, Articles of Faith, Rules of Decorum and Constitution printed in our Minutes.

We recommend that the Circular Letter for next year be written by S. O. Shelton.

We recommend that our churches try to make reconciliation with our beloved churches that we have been separated from due to the wide-spread confusion that has existed among us for the past year. To all that desire to: "Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls."

We recommend that the churches that have lost members or received members from sister churches during this period of confusion by relation or otherwise be relieved of any further labor, that the members be at liberty to remain where they now are members or to return to their former church as they so desire.

We recommend to our churches to receive by relation any member in good standing that desires to withdraw from disorder due to the open door action taken by some of our churches, to-wit: Cedar Grove and all that tolerate such actions with her.

We recommend that we release from our association Red Bank and Fair View Churches that have suspended fellowship with us.

We recommend the following churches be dropped from

Piney Grove Association: Cedar Grove, Shiloh and Buffalo.

Reports received and brethren excused by move, second and vote.

Resolved that we return thanks to God for His mercies and thanks to our brethren and sisters and friends for so lovingly and tenderly caring for the association in this session.

Dearly beloved brethren have gone out from us but we must not regard their persons, but be faithful to the cause. We desire to contend for and live after the pattern left by Christ and His apostles while contending firmly and faithfully for the old paths. We desire to do what we can to reclaim erring ones who show true repentance. We know from ancient times there were those who were not satisfied with the order of God's house, but gathered to themselves idols or inventions of men and brought them into Israel's camp. We believe that Christ and His apostles taught everything needful for our instruction and set up all practices that His children have any right to follow in a church capacity. If we were scriptural in doctrine and practice when this association was organized, we are in that condition still. If those who went out from us want to return and live among us, the way is open provided they are content to forsake their present walk and contend for the old paths and the greatest cause on earth. We have a great love for our beloved brethren that have seen fit to forsake the order of our house.

On motion we adjourn with prayer and song by Elder C. D. Hall.

ELDER JOHN CALHOUN, Moderator
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FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Received from churches	$80.00	
Received from friends	5.00	
Balance in Clerk's hands	67.00	$152.00
Gave visiting ministers	$75.00	
Minutes and mailing	75.00	
Balance in hands of Clerk	2.00	$152.00

Report received and brethren excused.

PREACHING SERVICE AND ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday—Introduction with song and prayer by Elder John Calhoun, Piney Grove Church.

Introductory Sermon by Elder Jesse Williams, Pleasant View Church. Elder Henry Vier from Washington introduced association service. Afterwards preaching by Elder Andrew McGothin from Washington Association. No special text. Dismissed by Elder Johnnie Hatfield, Mates Creek Association.

Saturday—Elder Henry Viers, Washington Association, no special text. Elder Fonso Justice, Mates Creek Association, text, God so loved the world, etc. Elder Johnnie Hatfield, no special text. Elder Eugene Blevins, no special text. Elder Monroe Justice, text Who hath saved us and called us with an holy calling. Elder C. D. Hall, dismissed.

Sunday Morning—Elder Grover Goins introduced with song and prayer, followed by Elder Edward L. Meyer, Mates Creek Association. Text, "Jesus Wept." Elder Joel Simmons, no special text. Elder C. D. Hall, text, "Jesus." Elder Fonso Justice, text, In my Father's House are many mansions. Elder John Calhoun, no special text. Dismissed by Elder M. O. Stevens.

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Pleasant Ridge— Elder Grover Goins	Brother Fred Slate, Sister Dovie Ramey, Elder Grover Goins, and Sister Eva Slate, alt. Fred Slate, Clerk	Sept.	4	....	....	....	3	2	....	8	12.00
Piney Grove— Elder John Calhoun	Elder John Calhoun, Deacon Andrew Bennett, Brother Early Fagg and Brother Bickett Shelton, alt.; Brother Woodrow, Clerk	July	1	1	....	....	2	8	3	102	26.00
Pleasant View— Elder C. D. Hall	Deacon N. A. Alley, Brother J. B. Young, Sr., Elder Drew Mabe, and Elder Jesse Williams, alt. J. B. Young, Sr., Clerk	Oct.	2	....	3	....	....	....	4	49	22.00

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Minutes

OF THE PINEY GROVE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION THIRTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION, HELD WITH PLEASANT RIDGE CHURCH, MAY 8-9-10, 1970

FRIDAY—May 8, 1970

The Association met according to last year's appointment and opened by song and prayer by Elder Drew Mabe. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder John Calhoun from Piney Grove Church. After intermission of about one hour, the messengers assembled in the house for business. Elder Charlie Hall from Pleasant View Church introduced the association service. The letters from the different churches were called for, read, and their messengers seated.

Elder John Calhoun was elected Moderator and S. O. Shelton was elected Clerk.

Called for petitionary letters from associations. None.

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Called for correspondence from sister associations. Mates Creek Association asked to be seated. This was referred to committee on arrangement.

The following committees were appointed by the moderator:

Committee on finance: Brother J. B. Young, Sr., Sister Eva Slate, Brother Early Fagg and Brother Jim Shelor.

Preaching committee: Brother Weldon Mabe, Elder Grover Goins, Brother Lester Owens, Elder Drew Mabe and Elder Manie Stevens.

Committee on Arrangement: Deacon Andrew Bennett, Deacon Moir Flippin, Elder Drew Mabe, Deacon N. A. Alley, Elder Fred Slate with moderator and clerk.

The association adjourned until Saturday morning, 11:00 A.M. Elder Ray Flinchum dismissed.

ELDER JOHN CALHOUN, Moderator
S. O. SHELTON, Clerk

SATURDAY MORNING—MAY 9, 1970

The association opened with song and prayer by Elder Fred Slate from Pleasant Ridge Church. The business of the day was taken up.

Appointments were made to sister associations as follows:

Fishers River: Deacon S. O. Shelton, Elder Fred Slate, Deacon Moir Flippin, Elder Manie Stevens, and Elder Drew Mabe.

Roaring River: Deacon Moir Flippin, Deacon S. O. Shelton, Elder Fred Slate, Elder Manie Stevens, Elder John Calhoun and Brother Weldon Mabe.

Finance Committee Report:

Received from churches	$91.00	
Balance in Clerk's hands	2.00	$93.00
Minutes and Mailing	85.00	
Balance in Clerk's hands	8.00	$93.00

Report received and brethren excused.

Report of Committee on Arrangements:

We recommend that the next association go to Piney Grove Church, located off Highway 89, about 6 miles east of Francisco, Stokes County, N. C.

We recommend to have 300 copies of our minutes printed and distributed to our churches, and to Fishers River Primitive Baptist Association, The Roaring River Primitive Baptist Association. We recommend to have the Covenant, Articles of Faith, Rules of Decorum and Constitution printed in our minutes. We recommend that the Circular Letter for next be written by Elder John Calhoun.

We admit and acknowledge that disorder was brought in and on us against our will. We knowing at the time it was not in order, but being forced to either divide or destroy our meeting places, or else stand still and see the salvation of our Lord, and work a labor of love. By the grace of God, we feel we have fought a good fight and corrected the errors and are now back on the old paths. We desire, and ask our former correspondence that have not errored from the way, to forgive our trespasses. We desire you to know that we have corrected our error, and desire fellowship and correspondence with the following churches that we deem orthodox Primitive Baptist churches: Red Bank, Big Creek, Cedar Falls, Flat Shoals, Clear Springs and Fair View. We further ask the same from Fishers River Primitive Baptist Association and The Roaring River Primitive Baptist Association and their correspondence. We condemn unsound Doctrine, Order, and Practice, and are determined to have no fellowship or affiliation, whatsoever with the same.

Since our last Association, we have withdrawn from The St. Clair Bottom Association, and The Sand Lick Association (Viers Faction of the Washington) and all that affiliate with them. We recommend the adoption of the following resolutions: Resolved, that The Piney Grove Primitive Baptist Association suspend correspondence with The Mates

Creek Association for the present, with the request that they labor with brethren and orthodox brethren closer or near them, and try to make a reconciliation satisfactory to Orthodox Primitive Baptist in their part of God's moral vineyard.

Reports received and brethren excused by move, second and vote.

Resolved that we return thanks to God for His mercies and thanks to our brethren and sisters and friends for so lovingly and tenderly caring for the association in this session.

On motion we adjourn with song and prayer by Elder Manie Stevens.

ELDER JOHN CALHOUN, Moderator

S. O. SHELTON, Clerk

PREACHING SERVICE AND ORDER OF PREACHING

FRIDAY, Introduction with song, prayer by Elder Drew Mabe. Association service introduced by Elder Charlie Hall. Introductory sermon by Elder John Calhoun, Text: Jesus. Dismissed by Elder Ray Flinchum.

SATURDAY, Introduction by Elder Fred Slate. Association dismissed by Elder Drew Mabe. Elder Manie Stevens, no special text. Elder John Calhoun. Dismissed by Elder Manie Stevens.

SUNDAY, Introduction by Elder John Calhoun, Brother Weldon Mabe. ElderDrew Moler, no special text. Elder Grover Goins. Elder Fred Slate. Elder John Calhoun.

Dismissed by Elder Grover Goins.

NAMES OF MINISTERS, ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NOS.

Elder Charlie Hall, Polo Rd., Winston-Salem, N. C. 725-6694

Elder Joel Simmons, Rt. 2, Westfield, N. C. 593-2152

Elder Grover Goins, Martinsville, Va. 8-5697

Elder Manie Stevens, Lawsonville, N. C. 593-2432

Elder John Calhoun, Rt. 1, Kernersville, N. C. 993-4276

Elder Drew Mabe, Lawsonville, N. C. 593-2449

Elder Edd Priddy, Danbury, N. C. 593-2168

Brother Weldon Mabe, Danbury, N. C. 593-2399

Elder Fred Slate, Collinsville, Va. 647-7006

Elder Ray Flinchum, Danbury, N. C. 593-2297

COVENANT

We do now in the presence of Almighty God, and in the faith of the gospel, and by the help of divine grace, unreservedly and unitedly give up ourselves to God the Father and His Son Jesus Christ, and to the Holy Ghost, to be for Him and no other; freely submitting ourselves to Him, to be at His disposal for His glory taking Him as our true guide and only portion, promising by the help of divine grace to watch against sin, temptation, and corruption; and to hold a continual warfare with the same, looking to Christ who is the Author and Finisher of our faith, and the only hope and surety of His people.

Under His covenant of grace, we do now freely and joyfully give ourselves to one another by the will of God, freely covenanting and engaging to and with each other, to bear one another's burdens in the gospel and so fulfill the law of Christ unto obedience, promising to watch over one another in love and to hold communion together in the ordinances of the gospel, submitting ourselves in this, which we trust a part of His mystical body, according as we shall be directed by His Spirit in His word; and by the help of divine grace to still pray for more light from the Lord believing that He will further and more gloriously open to us His word and the mysteries of His kingdom, and to our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Savior, to whom be glory forever and forever. Amen.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

The following Articles of Faith were read and adopted without a dissenting voice:

1. Of God and the Holy Family . . . We believe in one only true and living God, who rules all things after the counsel of His own will; and that he who created all things is infinite in power, wisdom, knowledge, and goodness; eternal, immortal, invisible and unchangeable; and this God has revealed Himself in His word, under the character of Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and that these three are one; and there are three that bear witness in earth; The water, the spirit and the blood, and that these agree in one.

2. Of the Holy Scriptures . . . We believe that the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the written word of God. And are a sufficient rule of faith and practice; that they are given by inspiration of God, and are profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, and for instruction in righteousness; and they contain all things necessary to be known for the salvation of men.

3. Of the Atonement . . . We believe that Christ died and made a complete atonement for all who ever did, does now or ever will believe on His name; and that all who are finally saved were given to Christ in Covenant of the Father before the world was, that they should show forth his praise.

4. Of Foreknowledge, Election and Predestination. We believe that (all) whom God did foreknow He did also predestinate to be conformed to the image of His son, that God elected, according to His foreknowledge through sanctification of the spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for all saints, and that none came to Christ, only those whom He loved with an everlasting love, and in due time calls to everlasting glory.

5. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

6. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by his own free will and ability.

7. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

8. We believe that God's elect will be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

9. We believe the saints shall be preserved in grace and never finally fall away.

10. We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only proper subjects of these ordinances, and that baptism is by immersion.

11. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment.

12. We believe that punishment of the wicked will be eternal, and the joys of the righteous everlasting.

13. We believe that no Minister has the right to administer the ordinances only to such as are regularly called and have come under the imposition of the hands of the presbytery.

14. We believe in Predestination, as taught in the scriptures and preached by the Apostle Paul and condemn the doctrine of the absolute predestination of all things.

CONSTITUTION AND RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our district duly sent in their associated capacity whom they judge best qualified; and by producing letters from their

respective churches certifying their appointments shall be entitled to seats. In letters from the different churches shall be expressed their number in fellowship, those received by experience and by letters and restored; those dismissed by letters, excluded and dead since the last report.

2. The number thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage.

3. The Association when convened shall be governed by a proper and regular Decorum.

4. The Association shall have a moderator and clerk, who shall be chosen at each session of the Association by the suffrages of the members present.

5. New churches may be admitted into the union upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly by the moderator, giving the members the right hand of fellowship.

6. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association not exceeding three.

7. Queries presented by a church or the committee of arrangements may be disposed of as the Association may think proper.

8. That the Association have a fund for defraying the expenses thereof and that the churches shall send by their messengers such sums of money as they may think proper for this purpose, which when received shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer chosen for that purpose, who shall keep an accurate account of all sums received and paid out under the direction of the Association.

9. The minutes shall be read and corrected if necessary and approved by the Association and signed by the moderator and clerk before dismission and recorded by the clerk in a suitable book for that purpose

10. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

11. The Association shall have power:

1. To provide for the general union of the churches.

2. To preserve inviolate a chain of communion among the churches.

3. To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty.

4. To inquire the cause why such churches as fail to represent themselves in the Association.

5. To appoint any member or members by his or their consent to transact any business which may be assigned them.

6. To withdraw from any church violating the rules of the Association or from the orthodox principles of religion.

7. To admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry to seats if they think proper.

8. To appoint the time and place for the next Association, and adjourn.

9. There shall be a committee on arrangements consisting of the moderator and clerk and three other members chosen as the Association may deem best.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Lee your loins be girded about and your lights burning. If you are discouraged on account of your lot being cast with a few only, Christians are called to walk in the narrow way, and there be few that find it. It is far better to be among the few who have in the light of grace found the narrow way, than among the many who are pursuing the broad way. The carnally minded have numbers in its favor. Many are called, but, few are chosen. Fear not, little flock, for it is the Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Faith is the gift of God. We cannot believe until faith is given, we cannot see, hear, nor understand unless blessed to do so by the giver of all good and perfect gifts, Who determined the times before appointed that declared the end from the beginning, that knoweth our thoughts afar off, even the intent of our hearts and worketh all things after the council of His will, saying my council shall stand. There is none that can stay his hand or say Jehovah, why doeth thou. This is the God that made the mighty oceans and each little grain of sand, that put the fountains in the mountains, that those in the valley might have water. In the world's deepest midnight, there have been always children of the light and of the day. In the midst of a slumbering world, some have been in every age awake. God's voice had reached them, and His mighty power had raised them, and they walked the earth awake among sleepers, the living among the dead. They prevented the dawning of the morning to commence their labors, and the shades of evening found them, though wearied and fainting, still toiling on.

In Love and Hope,

SANDERS SHELTON

ASSOCIATION MAILING LIST

Fishers River; Carroll Gardner, Allison Tree Cir., Dobson, N. C..... 25
Roaring River; John D. Hall, 278 South St., Elkin, N. C. 15
Washington: Carlis Jackson, Mavisdale, Va. 10
S. O. Shields, Clerk, Piney Grove Association 250

CHURCHES AND PASTORS	NAMES OF CHURCH MESSENGERS	Annual or Com.	Sun. of Meeting	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Restored to Fel.	Dis'd by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Tot. Membership	Contribution
Stateline— Elder Drew Mabe Elder Joel Simmons	Deacon Moir Flippin, Brother George Flippin Brother Jim Shelor and Brother Lester Owens, Alt.	July	3	....	....	2	....	1	6	95	$26.00
Pleasant Ridge — Elder Fred Slate Elder Grover Goins	Elder Grover Goins, Elder Fred Slate, Sister Dovie Ramey, and Sister Eva Slate, Alt.	Sept.	4	....	....	....	....	....	....	8	20.00
Pleasant View — Pastor C. D. Hall	Deacon N. A. Alley, Brother J. B. Young, Sr., Elder Drew Mabe, and Brother Dave Alley, Alt.	Oct.	2	....	....	....	....	12	....	34	20.00
Piney Grove — Pastor John Calhoun	Deacon Andrew Bennett, Brother Early Fagg, Brother W. B. Shelton and Brother Weldon Mabe, Alt.	July	1	....	....	1	1	4	4	95	25.00